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PM RECEIVES SENGOL FROM PONTIFF

Sri Sri Ambalavanan Desika Paramacharya Swamigal handing over the Sengol amid chanting of hymns to Prime Minister Narendra Modi a day before the inauguration of the new Parliament building, at the latter's residence in New Delhi on Saturday. As a symbol of transfer of power, a Sengol was made by the Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam in Tamil Nadu in 1947 | ANI

> PM urged states to take financially prudent decisions so as to become fiscally strong and capable of delivering programmes that meet the dreams of citizens
> - Niti Aayog

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Niti Aayog meet in Delhi on Saturday

Modi calls for fiscal prudence

Urges all states and UTs to work in tandem with the Centre; 11 CMs skip Niti Aayog meeting

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR
@ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday urged all states to work as a team with the Centre to achieve the goal of a developed nation by 2047 — the year India will reach the milestone of 100 years of Independence. Chairing the NITI Aayog's 8th Governing Council meeting, he said, "When states grow, India grows."

As many as 11 chief ministers abstained, with some announcing their boycott.

While not mentioning the *revdi* (freebie) culture, Modi requested states to take prudent decisions on financial matters to become self-sufficient. He also dwelt on the NITI Aayog's initiatives to strengthen cooperative and competitive federalism, saying showcase the working of Team India.

Modi spoke about the importance of skilling people to meet global requirements, supporting MSMEs, reducing compliances and decriminalising minor offences.

Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel, in his address, said the Centre should respect rights of states and sought a permanent arrangement to compensate for the revenue loss suffered by states due to the GST regime. He complained that MSMEs in his state were not getting adequate coal.

Both Baghel and his Himachal Pradesh counterpart Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu urged the Centre to refund the money deposited under the New Pension Scheme by their state governments as they have moved to the Old Pension Scheme. While Chhattisgarh deposited around ₹19,000 crore under the NPS, Himachal's corresponding figure is ₹9,242 crore.

Siddu may keep Fin, DKS B'luru devpt, many seniors unhappy

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
@ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah will keep Finance, Intelligence and other critical unallotted portfolios, while Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar is likely to be allotted two plum portfolios of Water Resources and Bengaluru Development.

Although the final list of portfolios alloted to 34 ministers (including 24 sworn in on Saturday) has not been released, sources said Dr G Parameshwara will be given Home portfolio; MB Patil, Industries; KJ George, Energy; Krishna Byregowda, Revenue; Priyank Kharge, Rural Development & Panchayat Raj; Dr HC Mahadevappa, Social Welfare; KH Muniyappa, Food & Civil Supplies; Ramalinga Reddy, Transport; Dr Sharanprakash Patil, Higher Education; Madhu Bangarappa, Primary & Secondary Education; Dinesh Gundu Rao, Health & Family Welfare; KN Rajanna, Cooperation; and Laxmi Hebbalkar, Women & Child Welfare.

However, the list may be changed at the last minute as some senior ministers are unhappy with the portfolios allotted to them. Several ministers expressed their displeasure at the Cabinet meeting on Saturday afternoon after the swearing-in ceremony.

The TNSE late Saturday night learnt that the final list of portfolios has not yet reached the governor's office for formal approval.

Meanwhile, several lists started doing the rounds on social media, which the Congress dubbed as 'fake'.

Governor Thaawarchand Ghelot with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and newly inducted ministers after the oath-taking ceremony at Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

24 in, decision on guarantees next month

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THE Karnataka government, with a full-fledged 34-member cabinet under Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, came into existence with the induction of 24 new ministers here on Saturday.The chief minister claimed this to be a record of sorts in forming a full-fledged cabinet within 15 days of declaration of results of the Assembly elections.

Siddaramaiah told reporters that the full-fledged cabinet has been formed to deliver good governance with an impetus on implementing the five guarantees the Congress promised to the people of Karnataka.

However, Siddaramaiah said: "The five guarantees will be tabled in the next cabinet meeting in June. The modalities to implement them will be discussed." P4

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ARMY CHIEF IN MANIPUR AS FORCES LAUNCH OPS

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @ Guwahati

ARMY Chief General Manoj Pande arrived in violence-hit Manipur on Saturday for a two-day visit to take stock of the situation and chalk out strategies to restore peace.

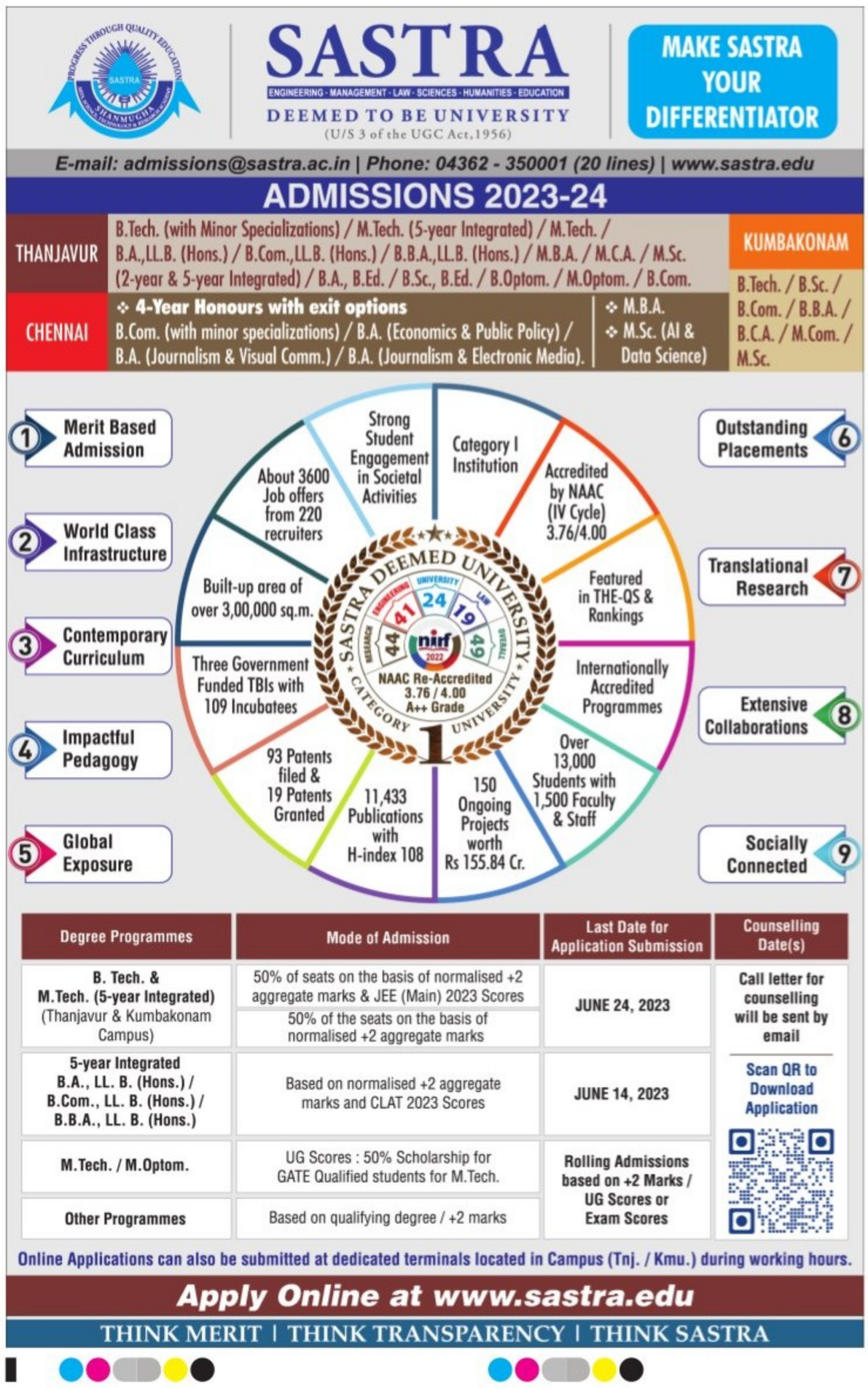
His arrival comes ahead of Union home minister Amit Shah's three-day visit to the state that is scheduled to begin on Monday. Amid sporadic incidents of violence, the Army and the Assam Rifles stepped up combing operations to track down those suspected of involvement in activities disrupting the peace.

"The Army and Assam Rifles launched large-scale combing operations in flashpoints as also the higher reaches surrounding the Imphal Valley in the wee hours of May 27 to track down armed insurgents operating in these areas," a defence ministry statement said.

The forces intervened on Friday night to stop firing between members of Meitei and Kuki communities in Imphal East and Churachandpur districts during which miscreants opened fire and ran away to the higher reaches.

The Congress, which has sought an appointment with President Droupadi Murmu over the situation, criticised the Centre's alleged apathy towards the situation in the state. "It has been nearly a month since the violence broke out but the prime minister and the home minister have not visited Manipur so far," Congress leader CM Okram Ibobi Singh said.

Amid the turmoil, thousands of people hit the streets in Kakching on Saturday to take part in a peace rally. Eminent theatre personality Dr Ratan Thiyam appealed to the state's religious leaders to take a proactive role in restoring peace and tranquility.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DRIVERS OF EDUCATION

Six truck drivers from a village in Gadag district donate their mite to ramp up school infra

(Left) Students enrol for a free spoken English course; (top) Lorry drivers hand over an Android TV to a government school; drivers who were felicitated | EXPRESS

RAGHOTTAM KOPPAR @ Gadag

TRUCK drivers seldom have an opportunity to look after themselves during their excruciating workday. In scorching heat, heavy rain and biting cold, they must continue driving towards their destination, suppressing their travails. But what emerges through their experiences is that education is paramount and can alter lives, ensure dignity and respect, and prevent exploitation.

A group of truck drivers in Narayanapura village in Gadag district has decided to turn the headlights on education. They are helping Narayanapura Government School students by donating money every month as they want the village school students to have the same quality of education as those studying in prominent schools in the city.

On April 1, the drivers, members of the gram panchayat and villagers started a spoken English course for free for students, where students can enrol during their vacation. When the holidays are over in June, students would be articulating themselves fluently in English. Narayanapur villagers who work as teachers, in private firms in other cities, and English teachers in other government schools teach the children.

It's not enough for the students to express themselves in English, the drivers realised. So, they have now invested in smart classes, Android TV sets, and libraries for students. Their initiative has inspired many daily wage workers, who have come forward to help poor students. How is it that poor truck drivers and daily wagers who have to toil for every penny decided to help students? Maybe the blood, toil, tears and sweat have washed away all illusions about leading a better life, and they have come to understand that there is nothing more significant than education, especially for the underprivileged.

Most villagers in Narayanapura are daily wage labourers. A group of six truck drivers decided to contribute towards the education of village students. They started with Rs 500, and last year, they christened their organisation Rajaratna. To know about the students' requirements, they met teachers and asked them what the schools lack that the students need, to compete with other big schools. Over the past five months, they have been contributing, and some villagers have also strengthened their cause.

Last month, Rajaratna members donated two Android TV sets to the school. Now, the school has Nali Kali classrooms, blackboards and a sink. The members have also decided to contribute more to improve the school's infrastructure.

Raju and Sharanu, villagers of Narayanapura, said, "Initially, we were surprised that a group of truck drivers had started this. We thank all six truck drivers who thought about doing something for the poor students and government schools."

They know how difficult it is for truck drivers to find daily work. "Amid their troubles and worries, they are helping the school, so we are also trying to help them. The spoken English course will definitely help the students pursue higher studies or in their jobs. Earlier, students had to go to other cities and towns for spoken English classes and pay huge fees. Now, they can learn it for free in the village."

Kallayya Hiremath, a member who mooted the idea of helping the government school, said, "Our village is in a remote area and our students have to struggle to get a good education. So we conceived an idea of an organisation which could help the needy in the village. Our organisation started with six members, which has now doubled to 12. The villagers are also cooperating and helping us. We started by investing Rs 500 each and now, every month we contribute some amount to the government school to try and bring the infrastructure at par with any other private school. The credit also goes to the panchayat members Shobha Gadaginamath, Tanuja Hadimani and Rajesab Nadaf for their support. Nearby villages are also inspired by our work, and they are also mulling some initiatives for their students."

LANGUAGE LESSONS

While thinking about a summer camp, the Rajaratna members planned a spoken English course for free for the students. This would help the students pursue their careers in any town or city. But for the classes, the government school cannot be used. The gram panchayat members and other villagers helped find a building for the classes which started on April 1 and around 50 students attend these classes.

INTENT MATTERS, NOT MONEY

Kallayya Hiremath and five other drivers mooted the idea of helping students. Eventually, many other drivers and gram panchayat members extended support. The drivers proved that every contribution matters, irrespective of the amount, which will give a fillip to the education of rural students.

'Game-changer Metro will see over 500 km network, largest in India in a few years'

PIC: VINOD KUMAR T

We are now in talks with IT parks and residential complexes to use metro trains. For instance, in Whitefield, we are considering metro feeder buses covering IT parks and apartments with minimum 100 flats. Buses will stop right at their gates

— Anjum Parwez, BMRCL Managing Director

TEAM TNIE

IN a free-wheeling chat with *The New Sunday Express*, Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) Managing Director Anjum Parwez threw light on the A to Z of Namma Metro -- from its origins to its near and far future. Optimistic that Bengaluru Metro would stretch up to 500 km in a few years and emerge as India's longest metro network, he addressed the perennial issue of first- and last-mile connectivity to metro stations, the challenges of construction in traffic-choked areas and the massive game changer that metro is evolving into. Excerpts:

What is the status of the different lines of BMRCL's Phase-II network?

We will complete Phase-II by 2024. We were supposed to complete the entire stretch of Phase-II by 2021-22, but because of Covid we lost two years and land acquisition issues took much time. With all issues sorted out, we are on track now. With the recent inauguration of the Whitefield-Kadugodi-KR Puram line, we have an operational network of 69.9 km and are No. 2 in the country, marginally more than Hyderabad. Another 70 km of work is in progress and we are roughly targeting completion of 30 km by December 2023. In a city like Bengaluru, where we have already crossed 10 million population, metro is never-ending. In the beginning, it was short from Baiyappanahalli to MG Road and people took rides for fun. We went through a gradual increase in operational route length and patronage. Pre-Covid, we touched around 5.7 lakh riders and after Covid, ridership went down drastically. Post-Covid, too, it took people some time to gain confidence in metro. Last two days (May 23 and 24), we have crossed 6 lakh ridership and reached pre-Covid levels. In July, we are planning to start the KR Puram-Baiyappanahalli 2 km link. With that, we will touch 7 lakh ridership. Along with that, we will connect Kengeri with Challaghatta. The whole stretch from Whitefield (Adugodi) to Challaghatta will be operational and the East-West Corridor will be complete. In the North Corridor, going up to BIEC may take a little time as we have to cross the NICE Road to put the girder. After that the big one will be in December 2023 when we will be operationalising our Bommasandra-RV Road line. The next one will hopefully be in December 2024 from Central Silk Board to KR Puram and then KR Puram to Airport will be in 2025. That will be the last stretch of Phase-II.

What does the future hold?

Phase-3 for 45 km will have two corridors. It will run from JP Nagar IV Phase to Kempapura which will merge with the Airport Line from the other side of the Ring Road. One stretch of 12 km will come from Hosahalli to Magadi Road. Last year, the then CM announced a new line, Phase 3A, Sarjapur to Hebbal via Iblur Junction, Agara and Koramangala which will merge with the Airport Line. Hebbal is going to emerge as the mega centre and will have three stations here, two elevated and one underground, which will all be integrated. Metro is a capital-intensive project. At per present costs, it will take about Rs 600 crore per km, including signalling and rolling stock. But if you are building underground then it touches about Rs 750 crore per km. It is time-consuming too. For any metro project, the minimum gestation period is about four years. If we are able to launch Phase-2A by December 2024, it will be in record time for a stretch of 14 km. We have our Comprehensive Mobility Plan and our target is 317 km of metro network by 2031. I will not be surprised if the pace at which Bengaluru is going, we might go up to 500 km and become the longest metro network in the country.

What are the plans for metro ticketing in future?

Gradually, travel tokens will disappear and all commuters have to move to QR ticketing. Even the Smart Card will have to go, but now is not the time. Everyone will have to switch to using a Common Mobility Card. We are planning Automatic Ticketing Machines and that will generate paper tickets. In a month, we will have the facility of multiple QR codes with a single transaction so that an entire family (maximum of ten) can use one QR ticket.

Metro is changing the way people commute in Bengaluru...

I always say that the metro is a way of life. You have to develop a habit of walking 500 metres to 1 km. Ultimately, when the entire network is completed, within a 1 km area there will definitely be a metro station. Metro is a game-changer, and a safe mode.

Are you in talks with any of the other organisations to improve last-mile connectivity?

The first- and last-mile connectivity and multimodal integration are two priority issues. Along with multi-modal integration, BMTC has to provide the feeder service but it is not economically viable for them. We are talking with Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and Department of Urban Land Transport (DULT) to develop a model where loss incurred by BMTC for the service can be sustained by the government. A seamless transportation boosts the economy and results in time saving. BMTC has already bought some 9-metre buses. We have asked them to buy some 6-metre ones to make it easy to manoeuvre near stations. Two-wheelers will play an extremely important role as bike taxis. Simultaneously, we have to focus on improving footpaths especially within 500 metres of metro stations. We are working with DULT to make pedestrians feel more confident to walk with more CCTV cameras and streetlights. Improving first- and last-mile connectivity will increase our ridership by at least 30-40% as most commuters face problems reaching stations.

Any plans to extend metro timings so those working on night shifts can avail services?

The issue is economics. We get resources for capital investment from the state and Centre. But when it comes to operation and maintenance, metro has to generate its own resources. Unless trains have a very good frequency it does not help. Nobody would like to wait 30 minutes at night to catch a train. There are safety issues too. Running double shifts will require more employees which is not financially viable.

What about running metro trains earlier than 7 am on Sundays? Many rail passengers who reach KSR station early wait for hours to board a metro train....

Without enough footfalls every hour of metro train operations, it will hit our revenue. People alight at KSR but have to go to different areas, then I have to run a 5 am train in all four directions. At some point of time, if BMRCL is cash-rich, it could be considered. In the long run, that will be taken care of.

How are you making people take the metro?

Our prime focus is on people using two- and three-wheelers. We conduct awareness campaigns that two-wheelers are not a safe mode of transport as maximum road deaths happen among riders. Covid played a major role in boosting the use of private vehicles and many purchased vehicles during the pandemic. We are now in talks with IT parks and residential complexes to use metro trains. For instance, in Whitefield, we are considering metro feeder buses covering IT parks and apartments with minimum 100 flats. Buses will stop right at their gates. We are trying to run AC buses. We are also in talks with companies to do away with cab services and give metro train passes to employees -- like a smart card with a limit, say of Rs 3,000. Connectivity will be provided right inside campuses, like recently ITPL has taken. It will be done by GE Electric, too. Bosch, too, is in touch to get metro connectivity directly to their campus. Embassy is following suit. Bagmane will be connecting with us at four locations, and Manyata is coming forward now. Infosys is taking metro connectivity from Electronic City-I directly into their campus via a 700-metre FOB. With metro usage, traffic will definitely come down on roads. Whitefield is not as crowded as it used to be because 28,000 people use trains every day on this newly opened route. When the KR Puram-Baiyappanahalli stretch is connected, about one lakh people will use it and roads in Whitefield will be empty. We are working on Transit Oriented Development, which is to densify the metro corridor and allow mixed development like residential and commercial properties so metro connects everything. We are also promoting shops inside metro stations so you can buy groceries and food. We called tenders for retail outlets four months ago, but did not get any response as BMRCL's rent expectation was quite high. I have reduced it by 50%. We are offering 1,50,000 sq ft of commercial space.

One of the best agencies to support you will be the traffic police as they will be glad to have traffic off the roads. Are they supportive?

We have a very close relationship with the traffic police. Recently, BMRCL launched prepaid autos at five stations with their assistance. During the construction, traffic cops are our backbone. The challenge in Bengaluru is that we are constructing metro where the traffic is full. Outer Ring Road is a nightmare for us. Traffic personnel come up with very good ideas. For instance, the waiting time at KR Puram junction has come down from almost 12 minutes to 3 minutes as a result of a brainstorming session by BMRCL with traffic and BBMP.

How do you view Tier-2 cities? Hubballi-Dharwad and Mysuru and other cities are growing fast. Shouldn't metros be started there?

No. Not at all. Unless you reach a threshold population of 20 lakh, you should not contemplate metro operations. Otherwise it will bleed as the running cost is very high. In a small city like Mysuru or even in Hubballi-Dharwad, it will not be successful. The focus should instead be to take mass rapid transport to areas like Hoskote, Devanahalli or Bidadi through metro or suburban networks.

Any plans to integrate metro network with the upcoming suburban rail?

With the present plan of K-RIDE, two networks intersect suburban rail at nine places. We will have a FOB at all those points. We are also trying to connect metro with railway stations at KR Puram, Yeshwantpur and Whitefield. We are connecting metro with major KSRTC and BMTC stations.

What is the role of solar energy in powering metro?

We are trying to be independent of Bescom. We first started with only 1 megawatt solar plant. Now, the work is on for 20 megawatts. We are covering the rooftops of all Phase-I metro stations. Future metro stations will have solar panels on top. That will take care of at least 30-35% of our energy requirements. We are working on an initiative called ₹Brake Energy'. Whenever you apply brakes on the train, the friction will generate energy which will be tapped and sent back to the feeder. Our electricity bill will come down by 20% through this regenerative energy.

The Consortium of National Law Universities will conduct the Common Law Admission Test (CLAT)-2024 on December 3. In a statement, the consortium said details of the syllabus, application and counselling process will be released soon. More information can be accessed on CNLU website: consortiumofnlus.ac.in

BESCOM: CLEAR BILLS OR FACE DISCONNECTION

Many refusing to pay bills stating that govt has announced 200 units of free power

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

OFFICIALS of Bescom are facing a tough time in convincing people to pay their electricity bills in view of the new Congress government's promise to implement its guarantee of providing free power up to 200 units.

Ever since the government's announcement that it will implement its five guarantees, especially 200 units free power to all houses, consumers, who have received their electricity bills, have been questioning Bescom officials whether they should pay the bills or not. Many are refusing to pay their bills stating that the state government has announced 200 units of free power. Some want the bill amount to be deducted for the first 200 units.

EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

With this being the scenario, Bescom officials have asked people to pay their bills within the stipulated time or else as per policy decision, they will be forced to disconnect power supply.

"Consumers are questioning us. We have no answer as there is no clarity from the government on providing 200 units of free power. In the absence of a government order, we will be forced to disconnect electricity connections of those who refuse to pay their bills," a Bescom official told *The New Sunday Express*.

The official said Bescom hasn't received any communication from the government on the matter so far.

"We have been told that a decision will be taken soon. We can't tell this to consumers. We are asking them to clear their bills. We understand the concern of citizens, but we are helpless," the official said.

Mayank L, a consumer, said, "What is the hurry? Let the government and Bescom officials come clear on the guarantee. Then, people will pay their bills."

Pradeep K, another consumer, said that it is unfair on the part of the new government to delay a decision on its promise to provide 200 units of power.

The sixth edition of Save Water Cup Inter-school Academy Cricket Tournament was held at Gopalan Sports Academy in Avalahalli, Bengaluru, recently. As many as 16 teams in the age group 12, 14 and 16 competed for the trophy

Low returns, hospitals avoid laser tech in angioplasty

NAMRATA SINDWANI @Bengaluru

AMONG different kinds of angioplasty, the laser technology is not being used to treat heart blockages as cardiologists said it is capital intensive with low return on investment.

Reputed hospitals including Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research (SJICR), Narayana Hrudayalaya and even Manipal Hospital and Fortis Hospital chains in the city do not have the laser technology. While it was started in Bengaluru, it has now been discontinued. The method has been adopted in other cities like Chennai, Nagpur and Delhi.

Dr CN Manjunath, director, SJICR, said, Jayadeva was India's first hospital where 30 angioplasty surgeries were performed using laser technology in 2019-2020. The equipment is expensive, around Rs 1-1.5 crore, and so, hospitals are not keen on investing. However, the percentage of patients who require laser angioplasty is low, resulting in meagre returns on investments.

The laser technology was available 3-4 years ago in Jayadeva but not provided now. At Jayadeva hospital, around 15,000 angioplasty and stenting procedures are performed annually, of which 15-20 per cent are complex, the highest in India, said Dr Manjunath.

Dr Keshava R, seniordirector (interventional cardiology), Fortis Hospital, explained that laser technology helps in complex cases with high calcium deposits in the arteries, presence of both blockages and clots in arteries, or for patients who have undergone multiple angioplasties. However, such cases can be handled using alternative methods, and so Fortis did not invest in laser technology.

In a month, only 1-2 cases require lasers which is negligible compared to the investment in the technology, Dr Keshava added. Across Fortis Hospitals in Bengaluru, 25 complex angioplasty procedures and 50 regular procedures are done monthly.

Another doctor said the cost of treatment using laser technology is around Rs 4 lakh, same as other angioplasty cost. But many do not prefer it because of equipment charges.

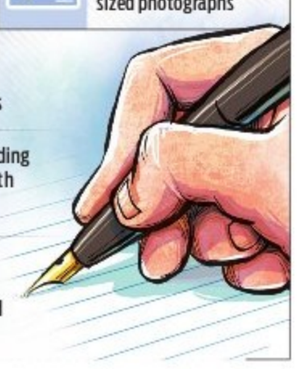
The equipment is expensive, around Rs 1-1.5 crore, and so, hospitals are not keen on investing. However, the percentage of patients who require laser angioplasty is low, resulting in meagre returns on investments — Dr CN Manjunath, director, SJICR

ALL SET FOR UPSC PRELIMS TODAY

The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) is all set to conduct the Civil Services Preliminary Examination (CSPE) at 79 centres across the country on Sunday. In Karnataka, the exam will held in two centres -- Bengaluru and Mysuru. Candidates will appear for two papers -- General Studies Paper (GS 1) in the morning (9.30 am to 11.30 am) and Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) in the afternoon (2.30 pm to 4.30 pm). To aid students have hassle-free travel to the Bengaluru centre, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) will run Metro trains from 6 am, instead of the usual 7 am. The civil services main examination will be conducted on September 15. UPSC has issued guidelines on what is allowed in exam centres, including ensuring that students get into the exam centre an hour prior to the start of the examination.

Dos and Don'ts

- Enter the centre one hour before start; no entry after exam begins
- Carry admit card, government-issued ID card and two passport sized photographs
- Only black ballpoint pen allowed for answering questions
- No electronics, including phones and bluetooth devices, allowed
- Water bottles, hand sanitisers and face masks can be carried



EXPRESS READ

BCU opens applications for foreign languages

Bengaluru: The Centre for Global Languages (CGL) at Bengaluru City University (BCU) has invited applications for a number of courses in various languages. CGL is offering several courses for those who have completed their SSLC as well as diploma courses for PUC and above. It is offering specialised courses, including a diploma in Japanese, for professionals as well as agriculturalists and ITI holders. Courses such as combination Bachelor of Arts in French and English, Economics, History, Sociology or Social Work, and Master of Arts in French, German, Japanese and Spanish are also on offer. ENS

KSRTC collects ₹5.5 L for ticketless travel in April

Bengaluru: The Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) has collected Rs 5.54 lakh in fines from passengers for travelling without ticket. Corporation checking officials inspected 44,450 buses in April and penalised 3,415 passengers for ticketless travel, a press release said on Saturday. Officials also identified 3,070 pilferage cases, which resulted in a loss of Rs 2,38,803. ENS

Miscreants set PSI's house on fire in Arkalgud

Hassan: Miscreants set fire to a room in a house belonging to PSI Shobha Baramannanavar in Arkalgud taluk recently. They broke open the window of one of the rooms and set it on fire by pouring kerosene on Thursday night. Gadgets including laptop, dressing table, cot and clothes all worth Rs 2.15 lakh were gutted. Shobha was at her her hometown in Gadag district during the incident. ENS

Three behind bars for rowdy-sheeter's murder

Bengaluru: KP Agrahara police have arrested three men in connection with the murder of a 23-year-old rowdy-sheeter. The victim, Sagar alias Chinnu, was hacked to death during a drunken brawl near a temple at Cheluvappa Garden in KP Agrahara on May 22. Based on a complaint filed by Sagar's mother, police arrested K Naveen (28), Hemanth Kumar alias Rosy (28), and Kumar alias Dio Kumar (20). ENS

MOVING AWAY FROM TOBACCO

Bengaluru: To encourage tobacco farmers adopt alternative crops, on World No Tobacco Day, the University of Agricultural Sciences (UAS) and Consortium for Tobacco Free Karnataka will organise a consultation titled 'Exploring Alternate Crops: Challenges and Opportunities' in UAS-B's Gandhi Krishi Vignana Kendra (GKVK) campus in Hebbal on May 31. ENS

JDS leader files 'extortion' plaint against 4 journos

PRAVEEN KUMAR @Bengaluru

JDS leader M Munegowda, who unsuccessfully contested the Assembly elections from Yelahanka constituency, has filed a criminal complaint against four journalists, accusing them of extorting money from him.

Munegowda was in news during the Assembly elections after a video of his "abduction" to garner voters' support went viral. A criminal complaint was filed against Munegowda in Rajankunte police station by a BJP party worker.

The defeated JDS leader alleged that the journalists approached him stating that they will telecast his interview if he paid them Rs 12 lakh.

They took Rs 5 lakh from him after collecting the initial payment of Rs 12 lakh. When he refused to pay them more, they telecast the edited interview. They also demanded that he pay them Rs 30 lakh more, Munegowda stated in his complaint.

The telecast of his edited interview resulted in bad publicity during his campaign, he said. He filed his complaint against four journalists at Bagalgunte police station on Thursday.

He said that the alleged extortion happened in March. The meetings between him and the journalists took place at a hotel in Bagalgunte.

"After recording my interview, they joined hands with my rivals and telecast the edited and morphed video. This damaged my political career," Munegowda, a resident of Ramaiah Layout, told TNSE.

"Notices have been issued to the persons named in the complaint to appear before the investigating officer," said a police officer. Further investigations are on.

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Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited**, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 hereinafter called the Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13[12] read with Rules 9 of the Security Interest [Enforcement] Rules, 2002 issued demand notice calling upon the borrowers, whose names have been indicated in Column [B] below on dates specified in Column [C] to repay the outstanding amount indicated in Column [D] below with interest thereon within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers in particular and the Public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties mortgaged with the Company described in Column [E] herein below on the respective dates mentioned in Column [F] in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13[4] of the Act read with Rule 9 of the Rules made there under.The borrowers in particular and the Public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned in Column [E] below and any such dealings will be subject to the charge of **M/s. Cholamandalam Investment And Finance Company Limited** for an amount mentioned in Column [D] along with interest and other charges.

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Sl No.	Name and Address of Borrower Loan A/c	Date of Demand notice	Outstanding Amount	Details of Property	Date of Possession
[A]	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]
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Date : 28.05.2023
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Disgruntled supporters of senior Congress leader and MLA Tanveer Sait staged a protest in Mysuru on Saturday after he was refused a cabinet berth. Led by Congress leader Rasool, they gathered in front of Gandhi Square urging the party high command to reconsider their decision. Rasool said Sait is in CM Siddaramaiah's good books

Mantri matrix: Many top Cong netas fume

Supporters of Hariprasad, Tanveer Sait and Puttaranga Shetty protest | Hundreds of Cong workers from across the state throng Raj Bhavan | M Krishnappa's supporters openly point fingers at DK Shivakumar

BANSY KALAPPA @ Bengaluru/Mysuru

ARE Chief Minister Siddaramaiah days of non-dissidence over? His latest cabinet expansion has left many senior Congress leaders, including BK Hariprasad, smarting.

Speculation is rife over the next move by Hariprasad, who was an AICC general secretary for over a decade and a united opposition's official candidate for deputy chairman Rajya Sabha in 2020. Despite his clarification that "I don't come from a rented house, but I come from my own house", many say that all is not well within the Grand Old Party.

The list of those who missed the bus includes once-powerful ministers like RV Deshpande, TB Jayachandra, Basavraj Rayareddy, M Krishnappa and Tanveer Sait. The CM has also left out Laxman Savadi, who joined from BJP, and Shivalinge Gowda, who defected from JDS.

When contacted, Krishnappa said he does not want to comment now, while his followers expressed their displeasure openly. Tanveer Sait's followers in Mysuru too said they were disappointed.

While Hariprasad's supporters blamed some leaders within Congress, Krishnappa's supporters openly pointed fingers at DK Shivakumar. Differences between Krishnappa, a Vokkaliga, and Shivakumar have been only growing. In 2018, just two months before the polls, Shivakumar chose not to invite Krishnappa to a function in Mandya, though the latter was a cabinet minister.

In defence, Siddaramaiah said, "We didn't make first-time MLAs ministers." But that was no consolation for the seasoned heavyweights. Shivakumar rushed to pacify unhappy legislators, saying, "Please wait, we will accommodate you."

Siddaramaiah has always claimed that he ran a dissidence-free government from 2013-18. But that may not be the case this time and voices of dissent can be heard quite loud. The new government is facing problems at a time when opposition parties are attacking it over the implementation of five guarantees.

'Supporters don't want me to accept Dy Speaker's post'

Siddaramaiah not accommodating Puttaranaga Shetty too came under fire and one of his supporters, Chandrashekar, threatened to commit suicide in front of the Congress office. In a video that has gone viral, Chandrashekar said AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge, top party leaders Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Siddaramaiah and KPCC chief DK Shivakumar will be responsible if he commits suicide.

> I will decide soon and inform the chief minister
>
> Puttaranaga Shetty

Shetty, who is a four-time MLA, has been offered the Deputy Speaker's post. But that is an insult, Chandrashekar said. Shetty's supporters and community members protested in Chamarajanagar and Kollegal, accusing the Congress of betraying the community.

Shetty said Siddaramaiah wanted him to accept the Deputy Speaker's position, but many of his supporters did not want him to take it up. "I will decide soon and inform the chief minister," he added.

SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

1 Congress workers outside Raj Bhavan in Bengaluru on Saturday cheer their leaders

2 HK Patil takes oath as minister

3 MLA Madhu Bangarappa with his sister Geetha and brother-in-law and superstar Shiva Rajkumar

4 Minister Santosh Lad and his family pose for the shutterbugs

5 Dinesh Gundu Rao takes oath as minister

Full-fledged govt in place; it's time to set priorities right

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's government broke a recent political trend by filling up all the 34 cabinet berths in the first ministry expansion. Within a week after the CM and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar took the oath with eight ministers, 24 ministers — all cabinet rank — were inducted into the ministry, making it a full-fledged government to hit the ground running within 15 days of getting the majority.

It is a positive development and also a reflection of confidence in the Congress camp. In the BJP government headed by Basavaraj Bommai, a few berths were kept vacant till the end. Normally, a few cabinet berths are kept vacant to keep aspirants guessing and quell any possible dissent.

This time, too, there will be some disgruntlement among those who failed to make it, especially seniors who have been loyal to the party for decades.

The party seems to be confident in dealing with the discontent. However, by not giving any scope for further lobbying and keeping its leaders guessing, the party is sending out a clear message that it wants to go full throttle from the start as the 2024 polls will be its first major test.

The party's central leadership — especially AICC president Mallikarjun Kharge and the team — handled everything from the poll strategy to the election of CM and DyCM besides the ministry expansion deftly, and is confident of handling discontent, too.

Now the challenge before the government, especially the ministers, is to get their priorities right. Accelerating the development engine should be their focus. They need to be wary about political frictions with opposition parties. They also need to be cautious about raking up controversial issues that can derail the government's development agenda. Such occurrences could impact impressions of the public that is looking for a positive change.

The government may be well within its rights to relook at the previous regime's policies, but that should not appear to be political vengeance.

Now that the elections are over and people have given Congress a convincing mandate, the government needs to focus on delivering on the five guarantees it promised during the poll campaign. Given the magnitude of the guarantee programmes and funds required, it may take some time to work out modalities and roll them out for the beneficiaries. It is high time the government came up with detailed explanations to reassure people on the realities involved. With opposition party leaders openly asking people not to pay the power bills (one of the guarantees is free 200 units of power), it may lead to a chaotic situation if the authorities fail to clarify and take people into confidence.

While the implementation of five guarantees is a big challenge, the government also has to look beyond those schemes. The new ministers have to come up with innovative ideas and programmes to maintain Namma Bengaluru's edge in the IT/BT and start-up sectors and attract investors while ensuring that the city's infrastructure keeps pace with its growth. There is an urgent need to generate employment opportunities in tier-two cities, especially in regions like Kalyan Karnataka which have a good number of educational institutions, but lack employment opportunities.

More importantly, the government needs to restart all the works that have been stopped after it came to power and bring in a transparent system to award the contracts and monitor their execution. Corruption and the "40 % commission" were among the major issues and the Congress government needs to bring in visible changes so people do not get the impression that it continued with what it had opposed before the elections.

An independent experts committee, consisting of prominent persons with an impeccable track record can be constituted to evaluate works, ensure quality maintenance, and judicious use of funds.

Team Siddaramaiah and Shivakumar have their hands full. They do not have much time as they want to replicate their assembly poll success at the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. Congress has set a target of winning 20 out of 28 Lok Sabha seats in the state. Even the state's ministry expansion is said to have been done keeping that goal in mind. But a lot depends on the quality and performance of governance. The expectations are high. Mere political rhetoric won't work. The work has to start on the ground. And the time starts now...

Congress workers watch 'berth-day' event on giant screens

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

HUNDREDS of Congress workers from across the state thronged Raj Bhavan on Saturday to witness the swearing-in ceremony of 24 legislators after the names were finalised in hectic and prolonged parleys among Congress leadership in New Delhi.

Giant screens were mounted outside Raj Bhavan which beamed the footage of the ceremony to most of the workers who were not allowed inside.

Workers reached Raj Bhavan road early morning with the ceremony starting around 11.30 am. As the leaders entered the Bhavan, they were greeted by their followers.

MLA M Krishnappa's supporters protest outside Raj Bhavan | VINOD KUMAR T

Ahead of the swearing-in ceremony, supporters of Vijayanagar MLA M Krishnappa and his son and Govindarajnagar MLA Priya Krishna stood outside Raj Bhavan holding pictures of both the leaders.

They decried the injustice meted out to the leaders by refusing them cabinet berths and shouted slogans.

Congress worker Guru Prasad, who had come to Bengaluru from Davanagere to be part of the swearing-in celebrations of SS Mallikarjun, said he was happy to see his leader as a minister. A supporter of Dr MC Sudhakar cheered and danced.

Vendors around Raj Bhavan, Hotel Capitol and Basaveshwara Circle recorded brisk business, selling water bottles, buttermilk, ice creams and groundnuts. After the conclusion of the ceremony, the workers decided to take some time out and visit Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park, and the Karnataka High Court.

Cabinet houseful, now clear ₹3k cr dues: BBMP contractors

BENGALURU: Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's cabinet became houseful on Saturday after 24 legislators were sworn-in. Now, the BBMP Contractors' Association has submitted a memorandum to the CM. They demanded that the minister concerned for Bengaluru affairs clear the outstanding dues of Rs 3,000 crore. BBMP Contractors' Association president KT Manjunath said the new government has come to power on the shoulders of the corruption issue raised by the contractors. The time has come for the government to deliver and release pending payments, he said. Manjunath told TNSE, "Rs 3,000 crore has been pending since May 2021. The new government should settle the dues and bail out a thousand contractors." A senior official from BBMP finance department said the government has already released Rs675 crore. Only after the new government takes shape in a week or 10 days, the Palike will clear the dues in instalments, the official said. – **Mohammed Yacoob**

POLITICAL THEATRE

'Implement guarantees in 30 days or face stir'

MANGALURU: BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Saturday said BJP will launch a statewide protest if the Congress government fails to implement the five guarantee schemes within 30 days. Kateel said CM Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar "have only issued an order reiterating their promise to implement the guarantees. Now, Congress leaders are saying the schemes will have conditions." He accused the government of targeting BJP leaders and resorting to hate politics. "Won't keep quiet if our leaders are targeted," he said. Expressing his displeasure as Congress MLAs from Dakshina Kannada did not get ministerial berths, he said, "BJP MLAs will support the state government to implement development works and focus on pending works like highways, dams and drinking water supply."

Party-hoppers fail to make it to the cabinet

BENGALURU: Former CM Jagadish Shettar and former deputy CM Laxman Savadi, who joined Congress from BJP, have failed to make it to the cabinet. Many were hoping that Savadi, who won on a Congress ticket from Athani in Belagavi, and Shettar who lost from Hubballi-Dharwad seat may be accommodated in the ministry as they helped the party get the support of Lingayats in North Karnataka. Though Congress was making attempts to woo the community after BJP Lingayat strongman BS Yediyurappa resigned as CM, its efforts got a major boost after Shettar and Savadi joined. Arsikere MLA Shivalingegowda, who quit JDS to join Congress, has also not been inducted.

Laxmi Hebbalkar reaps benefits of remaining loyal to Grand Old Party

SUNIL PATIL @ Belagavi

THE lone woman in the Siddaramaiah cabinet, Laxmi Ravindra Hebbalkar is a popular figure in Belagavi district. Born in a small village, Chikka Hattiholi, in Khanapur taluk in 1975, she has seen many political ups and downs.

One of the five siblings, she hails from an agriculture family and also married an agriculturist-businessman Ravindra Hebbalkar from Khanapur. She started her social work quite young and entered politics by joining Congress 19 years ago. Recognising her organising skills, the party appointed her Belagavi District Congress president and later KPCC women's wing president.

She first contested the Assembly election from the Belagavi Rural constituency in 2013, but lost. She dusted herself up and prepared for the Lok Sabha polls next year, contesting against the formidable late Union minister Suresh Angadi, and lost again.

CM Siddaramaiah blesses MLA Laxmi Hebbalkar | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Despite losing two successive elections, she continued to work in the constituency, building an excellent bond with people. It paid off in the next elections in 2018 and she defeated her nearest rival from BJP by 51,680 votes. This was the biggest victory for any Congress candidate in Belagavi district till then.

It is said Hebbalkar was one of the MLAs approached by BJP to switch over in 2019. Then, 17 legislators – including Gokak MLA Ramesh Jarkiholi – quit the JDS-Congress coalition and joined BJP, helping it form the government led by BS Yediyurappa. In the meantime, her rivalry with Ramesh started to grow, hitting the headlines over the election of a chairman to PLD bank in Belagavi in 2018.

Laxmi, a staunch follower of Deputy CM DK Shivkumar, succeeded in getting her younger brother Channaraj Hattiholi elected an MLC during the election from local bodies.

Mix of new & old faces

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The new faces among them are B Nagendra, Madhu Bangarappa, Byarathi Suresh, Mankala Vaidya, KN Rajanna and lone woman minister Laxmi Hebbalkar.

"People were disgusted with the struggles of a one-upmanship government (referring to BJP's) and witnessed the helplessness of a CM (Basavaraj Bommai) making trips to Delhi for cabinet expansion...today they are witnessing a bold, full-fledged and stable government," a CMO release claimed.

Siddaramaiah said his cabinet is a mix of new and old faces, but no one who won for the first time as MLA has been inducted. Asked why Kodagu, Haveri, Hassan, Kolar and Chikkamagaluru districts have not been represented, he said there are no seniors and most of them are first-time MLAs from Congress. He said Chamarajanagar MLA C Puttaranga Shetty, who missed the berth at the last minute, has been convinced to accept the Deputy Speaker's post.

The new cabinet struck a balance in terms of caste equation by allotting berths proportionate to the number of MLAs who won from the respective communities, also providing region-wise representation and recognising smaller communities.

Except for veterans, others like Magadi MLA HC Balakrishna are likely to be nominated to boards and corporations. Other seniors like NA Haris and M Krishnappa may be considered for the BDA chairman's post.

Also conspicuous was the exclusion of ex-CM N Dharam Singh's son, Jewargi MLA Dr Ajay Singh. He may also get some significant post, sources said. Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao tweeted, "I thank @kharge, @RahulGandhi, @siddaramaiah and @DKShivakumar for giving me the opportunity to serve as Minister for Health & Family Welfare."

Praveen Nettaru's wife will be reinstated, says Siddaramaiah

DIVYA CUTINHO @ Mangaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Saturday announced that the state government will reappoint Praveen Nettaru's wife Nuthana Kumari as an employee.

Nettaru, a BJP Yuva Morcha leader, was murdered on July 26 last at Bellare in Sullia taluk. Siddaramaiah tweeted, "The tenure of temporary contract employees appointed by the previous government gets automatically cancelled once the new government is elected... It is not just with Praveen Nettar's wife but also with 150 other contract staff. There is no role of our government in this... We will consider this as a special case and reappoint her."

The order of relieving Kumari as senior assistant (Group C) was issued recently and her last working day was May 22.

Earlier, Kumari told TNSE that BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel had promised to get her job back and she was hopeful that she will be reinstated soon. After Nettaru was hacked to death, then CM Basavaraj Bommai appointed her as senior assistant at his office in Bengaluru on a contractual basis on September 22 last. Later she was sent to the section handling chief minister's relief works at Dakshina Kannada DC's office in Mangaluru based on her request. She joined on October 14. The appointment order clearly stated that her employment will be till the tenure of the CM ends or until further orders. Kateel on Saturday accused the government of resorting to vendetta politics.

TTD EO AV Dharma Reddy on Saturday inspected projects at Sri Padmavati temple in Tiruchanoor, directing officials to construct a stone mandapam in place of a Yagashala and Ayina Mahal inside the temple complex. He also instructed them to shift the electric control room to outside in consultation with the APSPDCL and replace the old shed with modern sheds

Naveen skips PM's NITI Aayog meet

It is said Odisha CM had prior commitments over completing four years of present tenure

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bhubaneswar

EVEN as the BJD has thrown its weight behind Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the controversy over the new Parliament building's inauguration, Chief Minister **Naveen Patnaik** chose to skip the crucial NITI Aayog Governing Council meeting at New Delhi on Saturday.

Naveen was among 10 chief ministers who did not attend the meeting chaired by the prime minister. Although no official statement has been released from the chief minister's office on the reasons, sources said, he had prior engagements over completion of four years of his present tenure. His decision was intimated to the Centre well in advance, they added.

"Since the CM was not able to attend the meeting, the state government wanted to depute a minister and chief secretary, but the Centre rejected the proposal twice citing that chief ministers are members of the governing council and no one can replace them," the sources informed *The New Indian Express*.

The chief minister is in the midst of a performance review of all departments before the celebration of completion of his 23rd year in office and fourth year in fifth term on May 29. On Saturday, Naveen reviewed performance of four departments and reportedly chaired a meeting to oversee the preparation for the celebrations. He also reviewed the fulfillment of promises made in the BJD manifesto before the 2019 election.

While his absence from the crucial meeting gave rise to speculations, government sources dismissed them saying there was nothing political behind it. The chief minister, meanwhile, is also unlikely to attend the inauguration of the new Parliament building on Sunday. His party BJD, has however, made its intention clear to attend the "momentous occasion" and some of the MPs are attending the event.

Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao (centre), flanked by Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal (to his left), and Punjab CM Bhagwant Singh Mann at a press conference at Pragathi Bhavan in Hyderabad on Saturday | VINAY MADAPU

Recall Ordinance or be rejected: KCR to Centre

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hyderabad

TERMING the Centre's Ordinance granting powers to the Lieutenant Governor over services in the National Capital Territory of Delhi (NCTD) an 'insult' to the people of Delhi, Telangana Chief Minister K Chandrasekhar Rao on Saturday demanded that Prime Minister Narendra Modi withdraw the Ordinance promptly.

He warned that if a Bill to promulgate the move was introduced in the Rajya Sabha, the Opposition would oppose it. Dubbing the Ordinance a 'threat and challenge' to the institution of democracy, Rao said the present situation was worse than the 'dark days of Emergency'.

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal and his Punjab counterpart Bhagwant Singh Mann met Rao at Pragathi Bhavan here to seek his support against the Centre's Ordinance. During their two-hour-long meeting, the three CMs discussed the 'misrule' of the BJP-led Union government.

Following the meeting, Kejriwal said the BJP lacked sufficient numbers in the Rajya Sabha, and the non-BJP parties would defeat any Bill introduced in the Upper House to legitimise the Ordinance. He pointed out that the BJP had only 93 in the 238-member Upper House and urged the non-BJP parties to send a message by rejecting it, indicating that the BJP would not retain power at the Centre after the 2024 Lok Sabha polls.

Calling the Ordinance a 'grave insult' to not only the people of Delhi but the entire country, Kejriwal alleged that the BJP was hindering the functioning of non-BJP-ruled state governments. He highlighted the transfer and posting of officers in Delhi, which was initially managed by the then chief minister Sheila Dikshit but later entrusted to the L-G by the Union government.

"We fought (against the decision) in the high court and Supreme Court for eight years. After the apex court ruled in our favour, the Centre brought in an Ordinance within eight days," Kejriwal said. The PM isn't following the orders of the Supreme Court, he lamented.

Expressing support for Kejriwal, Rao claimed the "misdeeds" of the BJP government at the Centre had reached its peak. He accused the BJP of troubling non-BJP-ruled states and misusing central agencies against them.

I-T searches continue in Balaji case

ENS @Karur

UNDER security cover of CRPF personnel, Income Tax officials on Saturday continued searches at places of people linked to Tamil Nadu Minister for Electricity **V Senthil Balaji** across the district for the second consecutive day. Meanwhile, the police on Saturday registered four cases against both members of the DMK and the I-T teams under various sections in connection with the clash between the groups during the searches on Friday.

During the search at the residence of the minister's brother, Ashok Kumar, at Ramakrishnapuram on Friday, DMK workers clashed with the I-T officials. In this, the windshield and the rear view mirror of the officials' car were damaged. A few DMK functionaries allegedly also accused the officials of having assaulted them and went on to get admitted at various hospitals across the district. I-T officials, too, traded similar charges against DMK workers and as preventing them from performing searches, and got admitted to Government Medical College Hospital.

The police filed cases against both groups. While DMK members have been booked for illegal crowding at a public place, damaging the I-T officials' car and preventing the officials from discharging their duties, the I-T officials have been booked under Sections 294b and 323 of the IPC..

EXPRESS READ

Avinash Reddy gets protection from arrest till Wednesday

HYDERABAD: Justice M Laxman of the Telangana High Court provided temporary respite to Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy in the YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case. The court on Saturday directed the CBI to abstain from taking any coercive measures against the MP until Wednesday. The court signalled that specific instructions regarding Avinash's anticipatory bail petition would be issued on Wednesday. With the arguments on the anticipatory bail plea concluding, the court deemed it necessary to conduct a more thorough examination before arriving at a suitable decision. Justice Laxman, after considering the arguments put forth by Avinash's counsel, took into account the delicate health condition of the MP's mother, who is currently undergoing heart surgery.

Jumbo tramples Hakki Pikki woman to death in Bannerghatta forest

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

A woman belonging to the Hakki Pikki tribal community, identified as Nagamma (45), was trampled to death by a wild elephant in the forests of the Bannerghatta National Park (BNP) on Saturday afternoon. The place where the incident occurred is under the control and management of the Bannerghatta Biological Park (BBP).

The Hakki Pikki colony adjoins the national park and many of its residents have been appointed by the forest department and the zoo management. According to BBP officials, Nagamma was the mother of Kumara, a watcher working with the zoo since a year. Kumara works as a night elephant watcher, whose task is to ensure that wild elephants do not wander into the zoo area during night hours.

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Zoo officials said that Nagamma was passing through the forest patch to visit her son with food when the incident occurred. "It is unfortunate that such an incident has happened. Due compensation will be given to the family of the deceased, in coordination with the forest department," said BBP officials.

The forest officials are not ruling out the possibility that there were other tribals, who were walking with her. "There were 3-4 people. While the rest escaped, she could not. The elephant population in BNP and the surrounding areas is rising. A healthy wandering population is always sighted. The forest patch is also home to other wildlife, including tigers. We constantly keep telling locals and the tribals not to pass through the forest patch for safety reasons, but they do not listen," said a forest official.

Many wild elephants are seen wandering close to the elephant habitat of the zoo, including tuskers seeking females. "There have been incidents where elephants have come in close proximity with farmers too. This is the second incident inside the zoo premises, after the death of veterinarian Dr Vishwanath," recollected a forest official.

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Branch : Frazer Town-2 Branch, Bangalore

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive/physical (whichever is applicable)* possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is" "As is what is"** and **"Whatever there is"** on below mentioned date and below mentioned Recovery Amount to the Secured Creditor from Borrower Name and Guarantor Name. The below mentioned reserve price and earnest money deposit

Frazer Town-2 Branch, Bangalore

Sl No.	Name and Address of the Borrower(s) /Guarantor(s)	Details of the Mortgaged Secured Assets	
1.	**Borrower :1. Mr. Somashekar Thippesiddaiahsri Thippesiddaiah**. No 209, 3rd Floor B Block, V.R.Goklam, Hosakte,bangalore 560054 **2. Deepa .S. W/o Somashekar Thippesiddaiah**. No 209, 3rd Floor B Block, V.R. Goklam, Hosakte, Bangalore 560054.	Residential premises bearing No 209, 3rd floor B Block, V.R Goklam, Hosakte, Bangalore 560054. Area: 1110 sft. **Boundaries:** East: property Belong to Sabjohn Sab, West: kannurahalli Road, North: 40ft Road, South: Property Belong H.K Beerappa.	
Outstanding amount and Date : 26.05.2023		**Bank Detials for EMD Remittance & last date 28/06/2023 - 4.00 P.M.**	**Reserve Price and E.M.D. Amount**
Rs.40,66,230.10 (Rupees Forty lakhs Sixty Six thousand Two Hundred Thirty and Ten Paise only) together with further interest, costs & expenses as applicable.		A/c Number:**209272434** Canara Bank, Frazer Town-2 Branch, and **IFSC : CNRB0010410**	**Rs.36.22 lacs** **Rs.3.62 lacs**

Portal of E-Auction : www.indianbankseauction.com
Terms and Conditions: (1) Last Date and Time of Submission of **E.M.D. : on or before 28/06/2023 - 4.00 PM.** and **Auction Date and Time : 30/06/2023- 11.00 AM to 3.00 P M.** With Unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of the sale (2) For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Secured Creditors website **i.e. www.indianbankseauction.com**

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a) The property/ies will be sold in "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" without any recourse condition, including encumbrances if any. (There are no encumbrances to the knowledge of the Bank).**b)** Auction / bidding shall be only through "Online Electronic Bidding" through the website www.indianbankse auction.com. Bidders are advised to go through the website for detailed terms before taking part in the e-auction sale proceedings. **C)** The property/ies will not be sold below the Reserve Price. **d)** The property can be inspected with Prior Appointment with Authorized Officer from 28.06.2023 to 29.06.2023 between 03:00 PM to 04:00 PM on any working day. **e)** The intending bidders shall deposit Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) as above, being 10 % of the Reserve Price, by way of Demand Draft(DD) favouring, Authorised Officer, Canara Bank, Frazer town II. Branch, OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, Frazer town II Branch, A/c No 209272434 IFSC Code: CNRB0010410 on or before 28.06.2023 up to 4:00 pm.
f) Intending bidders shall hold a valid digital signature certificate and e-mail address. For details with regard to digital signature please contact the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd, Contact Person Mr. Pakhare DD/ Mr Ramesh TH, Contact no. 9480691777, 8553643144; email: eauction@ccsl.co.in Immediately on the same date of payment of the EMD amount the bidders shall approach the said service provider for obtaining digital signature (If not holding a valid digital signature)
g)After payment of the EMD amount, the intending bidders should submit a copy of the following documents/details on or before 28.02.2023 up to 4:00 PM, to Canara Bank Frazer town II. Branch, by hard copy or by email. **i)** Demand Draft/Pay order towards EMD amount. If paid through RTGS/NEFT, acknowledgement receipt thereof with UTR No. **ii)** Photocopies of PAN Card, ID Proof and Address proof. However, successful bidder would have to produce these documents in original to the Bank at the time of making payment of balance amount of 25% of Bid amount. **iii)** Bidders Name. Contact No. Address, E Mail Id. **iv)**Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. **iv)** Bidder's A/c details for online refund of EMD. (as the case may be) **v)** The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.indianbankseauction.com and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd, Contact Person Mr Pakhare DD/ Mr Ramesh T H, Contact no. 9480691777, 8553643144; email: eauction@ccsl.co.in
h)The intending bidders should register their names at portal www.karnataka@auctiontiger.net and get their User ID and password free of cost. Prospective bidder may avail online training on E- auction from the service provider or e-mail www.karnataka@auctiontiger.net. **i)** EMD deposited by the unsuccessful bidder shall be refunded to them. The EMD shall not carry any interest. **j)** Auction would commence at Reserve Price, as mentioned above. Bidders shall improve their offers in multiplies of Rs.1,00,000/-The bidder who submits the highest bid (above the Reserve price) on closure of 'Online' auction shall be declared as successful bidder. Sale shall be confirmed in favour of the successful bidder, subject to confirmation of the same by the secured creditor. **k)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the sale price (inclusive of EMD already paid), immediately on declaring him/her as the successful bidder and the balance within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale by the secured creditor. If the successful bidder fails to pay the sale price, the deposit made by him shall be forfeited by the Authorised Officer without any notice and property shall forthwith be put up for sale again. **l)** For sale proceeds of Rs.50 (Rupees Fifty) lacs and above, the successful bidder will have to deduct TDS at the rate 1% on the Sale proceeds and submit the original receipt of TDS certificate to the Bank. **m)** All charges for conveyance, stamp duty/GST registration charges etc., as applicable shall be borne by the successful bidder only. **n)** Authorised Officer reserves the right to postpone/cancel or vary the terms and conditions of the e-auction without assigning any reason thereof. **o)** In case there are bidders who do not have access to the internet but interested in participating the e-auction, they can approach concerned Circle office or Canara Bank ARM branch II who, as a facilitating centre, shall make necessary arrangements. **p)** For further details contact Mrs.samvedana kumari, Branch in charge, Canara Bank, FRAZER TOWN II. Branch (Ph.No 9449860019); email id cb10410@canarabank.com OR the service provider M/s Canbank Computer Service Ltd, Contact Person Mr Pakhare DD/ Mr Ramesh T H, Contact no. 9480691777, 8553643144; email: eauction@ccsl.co.in (Office Address: Canbank Computer Services Ltd, No. 218, JP Royal, 1st Floor, Sampige Road, Malleswaram) during office hours on any working day.

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Bidding in the last minutes/seconds should be avoided by the bidders in their own interest. Neither Canara Bank nor the Service Provider will be responsible for any lapses/failure (Internet failure, Power failure, etc.) on the part of the bidder or vendor in such cases. In order to ward off such contingent situation, bidders are requested to make all the necessary arrangements/alternatives such as back –up, power supply and whatever else required so that they are able to circumvent such situation and are able to participate in the auction successfully.

Sd/-
Authorized officer,
Canara Bank, Bangalore
Place : Bangalore
Date : 27/05/2023

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-TENDER NOTICE
Tender No : (1)29/2023-24/KWA/PHC/ TVLA(RT-2)(Id-2563/2022_26_2_1/1) (2) 30/2023-24/KWA/PHC/ TVLA(RT-1)(Id-d-2705/2022_5_2_1/1), (3)31/2023-24/KWA/ PHC/TVLA (Rt-1)(Id – 623/2022_26_2_1)

(1) JJM- WSS to Pramadom and V.Kottayam Villages-Supplying and Laying CWPM to Nedumpara, Kochumala, CWPM from Kochumala to Padappupara, 2.5LL OHSR, 3LL OHSR 5LL sump cum Pumphouse, road restoration works.(2)-WSS to Kulanada - Mezhuveli-Construction of 12 LL OHSR, Supplying and laying 250mm DI K9 CWPM from WTP to OHSR, road restoration. (3) WSS to Chenneerkara, Omalloor Pts - Design and Construction of 10LL OHSR and 5.5 LL OHSR and Supply and laying 250 mm DIK9 CWPMs from WTP to OHSRs, construction of compound wall, road restoration. EMD: Rs. 200000 each; Tender fee: Rs. 13010 each; Last Date for submitting Tender: 13-06-2023 02:00:pm; Phone: 04692600162. Website: www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in

KWA-JB-GL-6-366-2023-24 Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Pathanamthitta

THE ENGLISH AND FOREIGN LANGUAGES UNIVERSITY
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EMPLOYMENT NOTIFICATION FOR NON-TEACHING STAFF RECRUITMENT No. III/2023
The English and Foreign Languages University, Hyderabad invites applications from the eligible candidates for appointment to various vacant Non-Teaching positions (**Group -A**: UR- 12, OBC -2; **Group - B**: UR -17, SC -01, OBC -02, PwBD -01 (B, LV); **Group - C**: UR -46,SC -11, ST -04, OBC -24, EWS -07, PwBD - 05 [01- B,LV; 01- D, HH; 01 (OA, BA, OL, OAL, BL, LC, Dw, AAV; 01 (MI); 01 (MD) through Direct Recruitment at the University Campus, Hyderabad and its Regional Campus, Shillong.
The application can be downloaded from the University website **www.efluniversity.ac.in**
The details of the Notification, Eligibility criteria and Guidelines for filling the Application form are placed on the University website for information.
The last date for receiving applications is **26.06.2023**.
Date: **27.05.2023** Sd/- **REGISTRAR I/c**

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Notice to Customers and General Public
Notice is given that from 26.06.2023 the branch mentioned in "A" is shifting to new premises mentioned in "B".

Existing Address - A	New Branch Address - B
01 BO Begur Electronic city Site No.49-51, Concorde Silicon Valley, Neeladri Road, Electronic city, Begur Bangalore 560100 No.186/1, Sri Banashankari Complex, Bettadasanapura Main Road, Electronic city Phase 1, Bangalore-560100	01 BO Begur Electronic city Site No.49-51, Concorde Silicon Valley, Neeladri Road, Electronic city, Begur Bangalore 560100 No.186/1, Sri Banashankari Complex, Bettadasanapura Main Road, Electronic city Phase 1, Bangalore-560100

Contact details of the Branch
Name: Saroja Pradhan, Sr. Manager, Mobile No. 8800594814
Name: Arpita Prusty, Officer, Mobile No. 9903833754 Email ID: bo606200@pnb.co.in
All banking services for the existing customers shall continue to be extended from the premises mentioned at "B". We sincerely regret for the inconvenience caused in this respect. This is for information to all esteemed customers and to the general public.
Assuring you of our best services at all times.
Date: 27.05.2023 **Circle Head**
Place: Bangalore **PNB, Circle Office, Bangalore**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have entered into an Agreement to purchase the Schedule property from its Owner: **Mr.M.SAADATHULLA SHARIEF** S/o Sri.M.Nusrathulla Sharief, residing at: No.26, Cock Burn Road, Bangalore-560051.
Apart from the said Owner, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE
All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing Municipal No.12 (Old No.71/E), PID No.48-16-12, measuring East to West 28ft 6inches, North to South 53ft, situated at 1st Main Road, Sudhamanagar, Bangalore-560027 and bounded on the:
East by : Common Passage
West by : Private Property belonging to M.Nanjunda Rao and Sri.Ramakrishna
North by : Property belonging to Akkammal
South by : 1st Main Road.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
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REQUIRED COMPANY SECRETARY
Applications are invited for the position of Company Secretary (One) in Euro Industrial Enterprises Private Limited situated at Sandur, Ballari District, Karnataka. Candidate should be a member of Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) having experience in the field of Company law matters, SEBI Regulations and labour laws. Fresher candidates may also apply.
Interested candidates to submit CV within 15 days to
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COIMBATORE CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION
Tender Notice No.e33/2023 **Date 26.05.2023**
Coimbatore Corporation – State budget & General Fund -Establishment of Semmozhi Poonga in Coimbatore at Gandhipuram Phase-I (Two Cover System)

1. Bids are invited **Coimbatore Corporation-State budget & General Fund -Establishment of Semmozhi Poonga in Coimbatore at Gandhipuram Phase-I (Two Cover System)**
2. Total Estimate Amount Rs.**12683.00 Lakhs.**
3. The bid documents can be downloaded from the website **https://tntenders.gov.in** free of cost.
4. Amount of Earnest Money Deposit will be 1% of the value put to tender for a work.
5. Any additional/further details and conditions related to these works can be had from the office of the Commissioner, Coimbatore City Municipal Corporation.
6. **Important dates**
   1. Date and time of Pre Bid Meeting : **14.06.2023 at 11.00 A.M**
   2. Last Date and time for downloading bid documents : **27.06.2023 at 3.00 P.M**
   3. Last Date and time for submission of bid document, including online submission : **28.06.2023 at 3.00 P.M**
   4. Date and time of opening of the Technical Bid : **28.06.2023 at 4.00 P.M**
7. In the event of the specified date for submission of bids is declared as a holiday, bids will be received and opened on the next working day at the same time
8. **Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation, Big Bazaar Street, Town hall, Coimbatore - 641 001, Ph:No.0422-2396026,e-mail ID: commr.coimbatore@tn.gov.in**

DIPR/ 2766 /TENDER/2023 **COMMISSIONER COIMBATORE CORPORATION**
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COIMBATORE CORPORATION
Tender Notice
Tender Notice No RFP - 4/2023 **RFP - (two cover)** **Date : 26.05.2023**

Sl. No.	Name of Work	Prebid Meeting date & time	Bid submission date and time	Bid opening date & time
1	Design and Construction of multilevel car parking with the provision for bus parking in ground floor including civil, electrical, mechanical, automation, instrumentation, internal and external utilities, etc. complete and trail run period for 3 months and Operation & Maintenance for 7 years in the 2.35 acres land belonging to Coimbatore Corporation at Semmozhi Poonga, Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu, India to accommodate 500 cars	**14.06.2023** at **11.00 A.M.** (As per the Server Clock)	**27.06.2023** at **3.00 P.M.** (As per the Server Clock)	**28.06.2023** at **4.00 P.M.** (As per the Server Clock)

For any clarifications regarding the website **www.tntenders.gov.in, Commissioner, Coimbatore Corporation, Big Bazaar Street, Town Hall, Coimbatore-1. Telephone No.0422 2396026, Email: commr.coimbatore @tn.gov.in**
DIPR/ 2765 /TENDER/2022 COMMISSIONER, COIMBATORE CORPORATION
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GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
HYDERABAD METROPOLITAN WATER SUPPLY & SEWERAGE BOARD
O/o Chief General Manager (Engg), PCC-II, Khairatabad, Hyderabad-04, T.S.
e-TENDER NOTICE

e-Tender Notice No. and Date	Name of Work	Approx. Estimate Contract Value
E.P.No.: 02/CGM (E)/PCC-II/ Water supply lines/ Golden Hills/ Ghouse Nagar / Mohammadia Hills-Bandlaguda /2023-24, dt: 27.05.2023.	Laying Inlet, Outlet and Distribution Mains for 2.50ML capacity RCC circular ELSR at Bandlaguda in Golden Hills Colony, Ghouse Nagar & Mohammadia Hills Road under Bandlaguda area.	**Rs.736.74 Lakhs**

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Everything has its wonders, even darkness and silence, and I learn, whatever state I may be in, therein to be content

Helen Keller

INFLATION TURNS SENTIENT, BAFFLES CENTRAL BANKS

THE THIRD EYE

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MORE than three decades back, in February 1990, New Zealand adopted and introduced the world to the idea of targeting inflation at 2 per cent. The logic of why 2 per cent is yet being debated. Typically it was wishful thinking following a bout of high inflation which evolved into a formal policy under Don Brash, the then Governor. In the following decades, the idea was inducted as policy orthodoxy by large economies and 2 per cent targeting was anointed as a commandment.

After nearly two decades of calm—thanks to globalisation and serendipity—global central bankers find themselves in a policy pickle and in violation of the commandment. Inflation has defied theory and forecasts and seems to have turned 'sentient'—yes, that 17th-century phrase defining the ability to feel/perceive which tech cognates worry may afflict generative AI—and is baffling central bankers.

Data spells out the saga lucidly. In the past year, global central banks—after swearing allegiance to the inflation is transitory theory—have hiked interest rates at the fastest pace ever and to decade high levels. The US Federal Reserve has hiked interest rates 10 times taking its rate to 5-plus per cent. Inflation in the US continues to be sticky at 4.9 per cent, more than twice the target. The Bank of England has hiked rates from 0.25 per cent to 4.5 per cent since February 2022. Consumer Price Inflation in the UK in April stood at 7.8 per cent or four times the target. The European Central Bank, though late to the party, has hiked rates six times to 3.25 per cent with more to follow. Inflation in the Euro Zone is up at 7 per cent, well above target.

To appreciate the distance between the objective of policy action and outcomes, one just has to review published data on global inflation. In May 2023, inflation in every one of the G-7 group of advanced economies is significantly higher than the target rate of 2 per cent. Barring Japan and China inflation in most of the economies is between twice and five times the 2 per cent target. India has done better at 4.7 per cent although CPI is well above the target band of between 2 and 4 per cent.

The reasons are under deliberation but as Don Brash once said, "History can be surprisingly confusing, even for those who were there." The classical definition of inflation—too much money chasing too few goods—is still playing out. Advanced economies poured trillions in stimulus into the economies to prop aggregate demand when aggregate supply was hampered or locked down due to the pandemic. Fundamentally, it was not as much the intent which was questionable. It was the sequence and consequence of decisions that triggered the inflationary spiral.

Even as economies recovered from effects of the pandemic, the world was confronted by the war in Ukraine followed by spiralling costs of food and energy. Governments poured billions to subsidise the cost of consumption even as central banks were hiking rates to curb demand and inflation. Even The Reserve Bank of India contributed to the policy "avial" in May 2022 with the observation that it would be "accommodative while focusing on withdrawal of accommodation". This March the collapse of banks in the US and Europe—caused by rational inattention on impact of rate hikes—forced central banks to open credit lines. The central banks were now confronted by a trilemma—inflation control, financial stability and employment.

The hope brigade argues that there is reason for the delay between action and effect. Milton Friedman in his 1960 tome 'A Program for Monetary Stability' stated that "monetary changes have their effect only after a considerable lag and over a long period and that the lag is rather variable." The argument has merit but there is also context to consider. The architecture of the financial system has since changed. Digitalisation enables touch screen action to move billions within minutes. At a macro level the phenomenon of "shadow banking" illuminated by Paul McCulley, and the arrival of private credit muscling out banks in lending, challenge the regulatory framework and dilute transmission of monetary policy actions.

The perplexing question is whether the speed and steepness of rate hikes have any influence on inflation and if it does have an impact on the proverbial "lag". On the face of it, in theory, the expectation is that the pace of rate hikes would/should reflect on consumption trends and asset price valuations but the score on that front is at best patchy. The combination of tight labour markets and persistent inflation could well be scripting the obituary of the inverse relationship between inflation and unemployment stipulated by the Phillips Curve. Sure some of this is explained by geopolitics and the structural changes wrought by disruptions—demography, technology and climate change. But there is no mistaking that the questions about the credibility of central banks are effectively questions about the efficacy of the model of monetary policy.

As central banks prepare to raise hikes again, the spectre of lower growth and higher for longer inflation looms large. Meanwhile the markets are turning, nay, spinning on the dime. Last month the put was on when recession would kick in. The punt was on a pause in hikes followed by rate cuts sooner than later. This week the consensus call is two or more hikes. Mystifyingly equities are up—probably riding the fear of missing out on AI tagged stocks. Treasury yields are rising again, growth is slowing but recession calls are muted. This could just be the new normal as central banks are flying blind.

EMBRACING MODERNITY, HONOURING HERITAGE

OPINION

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MOVING beyond colonial legacies is crucial for countries in order to reconcile with their past and to foster an environment for independent, self-driven progress. Postcolonial literature, such as *Things Fall Apart* by Chinua Achebe, vividly portrays the devastating impact of colonial rule on the cultural and social fabric of a society, reminding us that the echoes of the colonial era continue to shape the present. This underscores the need for countries to consciously steer their national narrative towards an identity that is intrinsically rooted in their unique history and culture.

India's decision to construct a new Parliament building represents a tangible move towards such a renegotiation. The new structure is not just a nod to the country's ancient architectural traditions, but it's also a symbol of breaking free from the shackles of the past, seeking to assert India's distinct identity and confidence in the world. Far from being a mere monument, it is a confluence where the collective aspirations of 1.4 billion people find representation and voice, underlining the spirit of democracy that transcends the colonial past towards a vibrant, inclusive future.

Decoupling from the vestiges of colonial influence isn't the sole motive behind constructing the new building. The antiquated structure's transformation into an operational labyrinth has crippled efficiency. Observing Lok Sabha or Rajya Sabha staff wedged into confined rooms substantiates the pressing need for change. Both houses are overstretched, allowing no space for expansion, with ministerial offices suffering from poor planning and lacking essential services. With the conventional lifespan of a building being roughly 70–80 years, the existing building has considerably exceeded this, further emphasising the call for a new structure. In 2012, the then Speaker of Lok Sabha, Meira Kumar, approved the new Parliament building. Unfortunately, the UPA government didn't act on it.

The existing Parliament building, which originally housed the Imperial Legislative Council, confronts numerous issues, severely compromising its functionality and stability. Approaching its centenary, the building's deteriorating infrastructure and declining amenities are testament to the relentless wear of time and neglect, with the issues exacerbated by constant retrofitting and overwhelming upkeep. Initially not planned for a bicameral legislature, the building was stretched beyond its capacity, with the addition of two floors in 1956 and a library later.

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A modern Parliament necessitates cutting-edge technological systems, yet the building's audio-visual system is archaic, and the acoustics in all halls require substantial upgrades. From an accessibility standpoint, there is only one entrance equipped with a ramp, and no accessible toilets are present within the premises, which clearly contradicts the principles of inclusivity and accessibility.

Another profound concern pertains to the building's safety standards. The structure was built when Delhi was categorised as a Zone-II region for earthquakes; however, Delhi now falls under Zone-IV and is poised to transition to Zone-V. Hence, the existing Parliament is not earthquake-safe. Additionally, the building does not comply with modern fire safety regulations, thereby endangering lives and critical national operations.

The new Parliament building addresses all these issues. In an unprecedented fusion of grandeur and functionality, the newly conceived Parliament building is primed to epitomise India's democratic ethos, and is slated for completion before the projected parliamentary expansion in 2026. The Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha chambers are marvels of modern infrastructure and technology, with the innovative use of national symbols adding a layer of cultural reverence. A digitised voting system, well-engineered acoustics, and state-of-the-art audio-visual systems ensure effective legislative proceedings. Each chamber flaunts enlarged seating capacities and specific accessibility provisions, creating a conducive environment for parliamentary dialogues.

The heart of this building is the Constitution Hall and Gallery, a space that encapsulates India's constitutional history and national spirit. Its awe-inspiring aesthetic, from the celestial ceiling to the Foucault's pendulum, encapsulates the gravity of India's constitutional ethos and its progression.

The new Parliament building is not only a testament to India's commitment to democracy and inclusivity but also a nod to sustainable construction practices. Energy efficiency measures and strict environmental safeguards ensure the building's long-term viability, making it a monumental testament to the evolution of Indian democracy.

Furthermore, the architectural vernacular mirrors the iconic Central Vista buildings, using similar materials such as red and white sandstones, and featuring 90 pillars along its external facade. Traditional Indian architectural elements like *jalis* and carvings, alongside opulent furnishings and carpets, weave an intricate narrative of Indian heritage.

While we are at heritage, it is worthwhile to mention the Sengol. The Sengol, a central symbol of the Tamil Chola Empire tradition, carries significant historical and ethical implications. This 'stick of righteousness', vested in the hands of the newly appointed ruler, connotes an affirmation of virtuous and ethical governance, a concept highly esteemed in ancient Tamil texts. Sengol stands for 'Dharma Danda', the rod of dharma, as opposed to 'Raja Danda', the rod of punishment. It is less a symbol of royalty and more about virtuousness. It serves as a timeless reminder of the nation's commitment to uphold the principles of dharma, as established in the Tamil tradition. The revival of this rich heritage symbolises India's enduring commitment to virtue and fairness as it navigates its democratic journey.

Despite its significance, the Sengol and its accompanying ceremonies in ancient India have unfortunately faded from India's institutional memory. In a profound gesture that intertwines the past, present and future, the government is invoking India's rich heritage during the inauguration of the new Parliament building. During Parliament's inauguration, the deeply spiritual strains of Shaivite hymns from the sacred *Thevaram* text will set the tone, and 21 *adheenams* from Tamil Nadu will witness the transfer of the historic 75-year-old golden sceptre from the Thiruvaduthurai Adheenam mutt head to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

It is deeply disconcerting to acknowledge that the Sengol, a powerful artefact steeped in India's historical tradition and ethical principles, has languished in undeserved obscurity. Consigned to a nondescript glass box amidst an assortment of personal items and gifts belonging to Nehru at the Allahabad Museum, the Sengol, emblematic of our nation's struggle for Independence and the ensuing commitment to virtuous governance, has tragically been relegated to the status of an innocuous golden walking stick. The lack of recognition and reverence for the Sengol is an inadvertent yet poignant commentary on our collective memory and the value we accord to our rich cultural heritage.

Defying the fetters of colonial vestiges, the government is sparking a powerful revival. A renewed India is emerging, grounded in its vibrant heritage yet stepping confidently into modernity. The new Parliament building stands as a resolute symbol of this resurgence—a grand monument to our past, a contemporary nod to our present, and an audacious beacon illuminating the path to a future intrinsically Indian.

REPORT CARD OF, BY, AND FOR KERALA GOVERNMENT

OPINION

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WHEN I was a kid, I was given to daydreaming and playing truant from school. When the progress card came, there was nothing but to improve it by means of an eraser and ink, and I was, of course, caught. What I should have done was to get professional help, fake the signatures well, hold a party, and get my friends to come on stage and talk about my academic brilliance. One must always defraud with dare.

On May 20, the Pinarayi Vijayan government released a progress report to great celebration. The 308-page report evaluated his government's performance in the last two years in power.

This is the seventh year in a row that Vijayan is governing the state as chief minister. Naturally, the book written by the government, dedicated to the government, congratulated the government. What else will it do? Which party in power would say they have done a bad job? How can such an exercise be of any use to anyone?

The report is in Malayalam. The English version might come out later. Almost every single page is prophetic in tone; it is all going to happen in the near future. The foreword of the report is by Pinarayi Vijayan himself, as was the case in the last report, too. It says most of the 900 promises that the Marxist Party made to the people at the time of the election have been fulfilled by the government or are on their way to being fulfilled. The document is authored by the Information and Public Relations Department. It is vanity publishing at its best.

At the release function in Thiruvananthapuram, before a packed audience of ministers, bureaucrats, party leaders and party functionaries, Vijayan released his own progress card, having passed every test with distinction.

Kerala spares no occasion to claim superiority over other states of India. Intellectually, culturally and socially, Malayalis spontaneously overflow with powerful feelings for themselves. The comments on social media are full of imaginative invective and sarcastic barbs at what they consider generally to be the backward bhakt culture of heartland India.

Yet, no one seems much troubled when a progress report—a report of the state, by the state, and for the state—is projected as a critical evaluation document. Why is it not seen in any way different from the noises of exultation emanating from the Modi government?

Unlike the last progress report, which opened with the traditional field of agriculture, the current document begins with the steps taken or being taken to create 20 lakh jobs in the field of technology. The substance of the chapter is mostly made up of promises and intentions. This is roughly the approach of subsequent topics like digital industries, startups, and other technological initiatives. Much the same applies to tourism, non-resident Keralites, traditional industries, urban development, cash crops, etc.

A progress report surely must be not about objectives but about the realisation of the goals. The make-belief that the LDF government is the dream of the masses needs to be resisted to counter the default notion that only the Left has the monopoly over the progress agenda.

The main opposition in the state, the Congress party, makes a great din about corruption, but in holding the government responsible in daily, transactional governance, they have been less than rigorous

Often the treasury does not have the money to pay the salary of its employees. Employment generation continues to be a problem despite finding mention in the progress report.

In India just now there is competition among political parties in welfarism, which could be mistaken for governance. In this, Kerala leads. At the same time, the unit rates of essentials like water have gone up appreciably. The power unit rates have been revised and are set for a further upward revision. Most vegetables and staples are imported from neighboring states.

The main opposition in the state, the Congress party, makes a great din about corruption, but in holding the government responsible in daily, transactional governance, they have been less than rigorous. To be fair, the party protested against the progress report. The state Congress party leader V D Satheesan—very articulate, very energetic—said that his party will present a charge sheet against the LDF government before the people and put the Vijayan government on a public trial.

That is not likely to be of much use. The Vijayan government pretty much does what it pleases, just as Prime Minister Narendra Modi does at the Centre, and the personality cult—Vijayan is almost on every second hoarding on Kerala roads—shows he has many things in common with the prime minister, who is famously in love with himself in all his many splendid versions, from urbane to rustic.

That a state like Kerala has come to a stage where a PR spectacle is seen as the basis for political discourse is fascinating in itself. Because, as I said, if the same exercise had been undertaken by say, the Yogi Adityanath government, the progressive Kerala would have had a field day in thumping its chest and trolling.

It could be that governance has come to be a bit of a joke in the state and that the people know it. As long as Gulf remittances are in place, what the state might actually want is broader roads for bigger cars and lesser tax on the petrodollar. The rest is PR and literary festivities. The latter has assumed pandemic proportions. Naturally. Every second Keralite you meet on the road is a poet.

(Views are personal)

QUOTE CORNER

If someone is able to show me that what I think or do is not right, I will happily change, for I seek the truth, by which no one was ever truly harmed. It is the person who continues in his self-deception and ignorance who is harmed.

Marcus Aurelius

One of the hardest things in life to learn is which bridges to cross and which bridges to burn

Oprah Winfrey

An investment in knowledge pays the best interest

Benjamin Franklin

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Shubman's style

Apropos of 'Batman and Shuberman' (May 27). The way Shubman Gill decimated MI's bowling attack in Qualifier-2 of IPL 2023 was stunning. The light-footed marauder from Punjab, who has already hit three hundreds in this season of the tournament, makes batting look so easy, simple, and an absolute delight to watch.

R Sivakumar, Chennai

Fitness fix

Apropos of 'Fitness fix for police' (May 26). BMI is the universally accepted norm for fitness as far as obesity is concerned. It's in the fitness of things that the Haryana and Assam governments have given three months to their obese police officials to meet the acceptable levels. Perhaps, the time limit could be extended to six months.

K Nehru Patnaik, Visakhapatnam

Boycotting inauguration

It is unfortunate that 20 parties have decided to boycott the new Parliament's inauguration. Their contention is the building should have been inaugurated by the President. When she herself is silent on this, these parties are making it a big issue.

S Ravindranath, Bengaluru

Cooker explosion

Apropos of 'Freebie cooker explodes, 17-yr-old girl injured' (May 27). As if being lured by freebies is not enough, the incident calls for awareness that freebies might be spurious. Both the party and the freebie manufacturer must be held responsible.

P V Prakash, Mumbai

Divine providence

This is with reference to the column, 'Sengol: Epicentre of an evic event' (May 27). Modi has displayed much political sagacity with his timely decision to accord Sengol its due importance. It is reinvigorating Tamil pride. The British handed over the symbol of power to Nehru in the presence of a Tamil saint from a renowned mutt. It is purely divine providence.

G Nataraja Perumal, email

Sengol's stature

Whatever the political motives attributed to the installation of the Sengol might be, the Congress must at least be happy that an artefact presented to one of their own PMs finds pride of place (rightly so) in Parliament instead of gathering dust in an obscure museum.

Srinivasan S K, Bengaluru

Indian heritage

The Sengol not only signifies power and justice but also the heritage and history of India. I'm happy that this tradition is being invoked now. As Indians, we have a bad habit of forgetting the good parts of our traditions.

Aditya Kamble, Kalaburagi

Niti Aayog

This is with reference to 'Seven CMs to skip Niti Aayog meeting today' (May 27). This sends out unhealthy portends, as most of the CMs boycotting the Niti Aayog meeting belong to the parties boycotting the Parliament inaugural. Are Centre-state cordiality and cooperation history in this country? Or, is muscle-flexing federalism undermining nationalism? Both these don't bode well for India as a country.

Dr George Jacob, Kochi

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Mehbooba Mufti @MehboobaMufti
In a democracy like India where assassins of a PM were pardoned, the case of a political prisoner like Yasin Malik must be reviewed

John Brittas @JohnBrittas
As new parliament building is being inaugurated, earnestly hope that PM will spend time there to enrich parliament democracy!

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyanka19
After misusing position of WFI chair, after misusing Parliament privilege it is a bit rich to say laws are being misused

10 CMs of Oppn-led states skip Niti Aayog meet

Absence of Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik, largely seen close to the BJP govt, raises eyebrows

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi with chief ministers, Lt Governors and Union Ministers during the 8th Governing Council meeting of Niti Aayog on the theme of 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047: Role of Team India', in New Delhi on Saturday | PTI

THE Centre-state relationship took another hit on Saturday when 10 chief ministers of Opposition-ruled states gave a miss to the eighth meeting of the Governing Council of Niti Aayog. This newspaper had reported that many CMs have decided to boycott the meeting. The chief ministers, who did not attend the meeting on Saturday included M K Stalin (Tamil Nadu, Pinarayi Vijayan (Kerala), K Chandrasekhar Rao (Telangana), Arvind Kejriwal (Delhi), Bhagwant Mann (Punjab), Nitish Kumar (Bihar), Mamata Banerjee (West Bengal), Ashok Gehlot (Rajasthan), Naveen Patnaik (Odisha) and Siddaramaiah (Karnataka).

Odisha CM and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik's gave a miss to the key meeting. Chief Minister from BJP-ruled Manipur N Biren Singh also did not attend the meeting.

However, CMs of Congress-ruled states Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh and Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren, another non-BJP-ruled state, participated in the meeting.

Speaking at the meeting, Chhattisgarh CM Bhupesh Baghel said the Centre should respect the rights of the states and strengthen the system of transferring its share of resources as well.

The one-day meeting, themed at Viksit Bharat @2047, discussed various important issues such as MSMEs, infrastructure development, women empowerment, health and nutrition and skill development.

In the Governing Council, headed by the Prime Minister, all chief ministers of states and Union Territories, the LGs of other UTs and several Union ministers are members.

Odisha CM and BJD chief Naveen Patnaik's absence raised eyebrows. He is largely seen as close to the BJP government at the Centre and has supported its policies often.

Explaining his reason to boycott the meeting, Nitish Kumar said that though he requested for a change in the timings of the meet, the Centre did not agree. "Had they even agreed to hold the meeting in the afternoon, I would have been able to attend. Kumar, who spearheads the efforts to stitch the anti-BJP bloc, said that the Centre also turned down a few names suggested by the Bihar government to represent the Niti Aayog meeting.

"So, Bihar remained unrepresented," he said, adding that he would have raised the issue of caste census and its legal hurdles if he got a chance to attend the key council meeting.

BJP slammed the Opposition ruled chief ministers who boycotted the governing council meeting of the Niti Aayog, calling their decision 'anti-people" and 'irresponsible". Former Union minister Ravi Shankar Prasad said the Niti Aayog is a key body for determining the road map for the development of the country. "Why are they not attending the meeting where 100 issues are to be discussed. If such a large number of CMs do not participate, they are not bringing the voice of their states," said Prasad.

Speaking to this newspaper, CPI leader D Raja said that the government should first clarify the mandate of Niti Aayog and the reason for dismantling the Planning Commission.

"The government is talking about cooperative federalism. In reality, there is neither cooperation nor federalism. The Centre should understand that India is a union of states and it cannot centralise power. The Constitution defines India as a federal country that should be respected," said Raja.

Several Opposition states are at loggerheads with the Centre over issues such as GST compensations, the appointment of Governors, implementation of NEP, and the Centre's interference in their affairs among a host of other issues. While Kejriwal, who is in a tussle with the Centre over an Ordinance to control the administrative services of Delhi, wrote to PM Modi on Friday that cooperative federalism is a joke, his Punjab counterpart flagged the Centre's discrimination against the state. Though TMC Supremo Mamata Banerjee had initially announced that she will attend the meeting, later she decided to skip the meeting. Telangana CM K Chandrashekar Raois at loggerheads with the Centre for allegedly disregarding principle of federalism.

People's appreciation gives added strength to work harder: PM

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @New Delhi

A day before the inauguration of newly-built Parliament building, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday said people's appreciation of the government works of last nine years has given him "added strength" to work harder.

The Prime Minister's remark followed netizens' response to a video clip tagged by the PM on the new Parliament building and his government completing nine years. "Since morning, I am seeing many tweets on #9YearsOfModiGovernment in which people are highlighting what they have appreciated about our government since 2014. It is always humbling to receive such affection and it also gives me added strength to work even harder for the people," the PM tweeted.

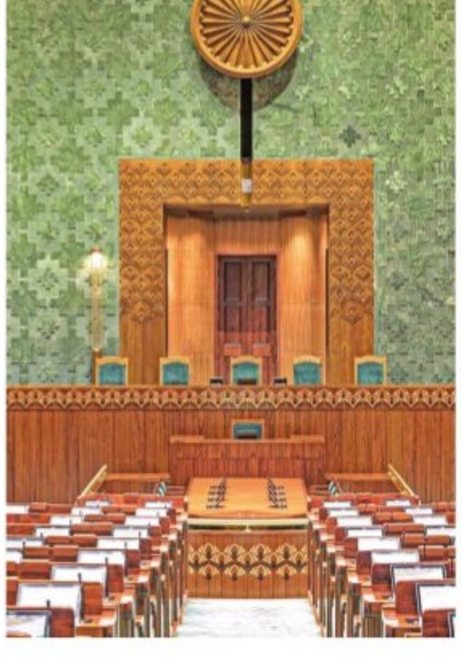
He further said, "We have covered much ground in the last nine years and we want to do even more in the times to come so that we can build a strong and prosperous India in the Amrit Kaal."

The PM went on to say that the government's accomplishments have been possible because the people of India have elected a stable government. "This unparalleled support is a source of great strength," he said, adding that the BJP-led NDA government has made a good number of sustained efforts to transform lives.

Responding to a specific question, the PM wrote, "You have highlighted key infrastructure and 'Ease of Living' projects which have been very impactful at the grassroots level. I am truly humbled to have got the opportunity to fulfill the aspirations of 140 crore Indians". In another tweet, the PM said that the people are expressing their joy on #MyParliamentMy Pride.

"Through very emotional voice-overs they are conveying a spirit of pride that our nation is getting a new Parliament which will keep working to fulfill people's aspirations with more vigoure", he said. In response to Union minister Hardeep Puri, the PM said may this 'Temple of Democracy' continue strengthening India's development trajectory.

NEW SEAT OF POWER



Inside views of the new Parliament building that will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday. The triangular-shaped four-storey building has a built-up area of 64,500 square metres. With carpets from Mirzapur in UP, bamboo flooring from Tripura and stone carvings from Rajasthan, the new House building reflects India's diverse culture. The teakwood used was sourced from Nagpur in Maharashtra | PTI

M S DHONI

DHONI HERE, THERE AND EVERYWHERE

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EXPRESS ILLUSTRATION

THE protagonist walks out with a low-angle camera moving in front. It follows him wherever he goes. The shot then cuts to a wider angle as the protagonist takes centre-stage with thousands of supporters cheering in the background. They wait with bated breath for their hero to take guard. The music director in the background does his bit to elevate the moment. Even if it's for a short glimpse, his presence in the middle is enough to send the crowd into a frenzy.

The visual grammar for a mass commercial Indian movie is more or less set along similar lines. There is a proven template that has worked for years, and even more so in the last couple of months. Not in theatres, but in cricket grounds across the country. The movie here is the 2023 IPL and the protagonist is Chennai Super Kings captain MS Dhoni.

In Chennai, Dhoni is thala (leader). Elsewhere, Captain Cool. He has bulked up a bit and hairstyle is different, but the man inside has not changed. Nor the fan following. Dhoni is the name that united fans across IPL.

There have been occasions when fans thronged the stadium hearing Dhoni's presence for a short practice session. Take for instance just one week before the pandemic. There was fear among the masses of a virus that was sweeping through the world. It was March. The CSK team had come for a practice session. Thousands descended on the stadium in minutes and Dhoni was the main attraction.

While it is no secret the former India captain has a crazy fan following, it's been different this year. He has been a one-man rockstar caravan this IPL season. There have been strong rumours that this is set to be Dhoni's final season.

So, fans have thronged the stands, painted their faces yellow, thrown allegiances outside the window to genuflect before the only person who has delivered all three global white-ball titles India has won since 2007. Moreover, the viewership on the official streaming platform skyrocketed every time he walked in to bat.

Dhoni, however, has not said this will be his last season, nor has the CSK management. When he was asked if the Chennai crowd will see him next year after the win against Gujarat Titans, Dhoni had said that he still has eight-nine months to decide. He made it clear that he will always be there for CSK, be it as a player or in some other role. In a video shared by the franchise, their CEO Kasi Viswanathan said that they believe Dhoni will play in 2024 as well.

Even on a flight to Ahmedabad on Friday, fans were trying different ways to confirm if they were on the same flight as Dhoni. They were trying to record anyone who was wearing the team travel kit — somewhere even video calling their family and friends to show who is travelling with them — but the murmurs were all about one name. Dhoni. The few minutes when he stood up and walked to the front to use the lavatory was the most eventful moment of all. You could see dozens of hands and mobile phones trying to record a glimpse of his presence.

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This IPL, another side of Dhoni has come to the fore. Him as a mentor. Every time a CSK game gets over, you could see a bunch of young players, who weren't even born when Dhoni had started playing cricket, surround him to try and pick his brain. For youngsters, Dhoni sounds different. Like Rajasthan Royals' Dhruv Jurel succinctly puts it.

"I got to know why he's so special because when I was talking to him, he was telling me such a simple thing which he did for almost 20 years in his career. He was just spitting the fact that like, that thing I also know, but he was sticking to it and making it work. He just said 'you don't have to be confused, plan and execute, if it doesn't work, plan again and execute. And you have to do it every time'," he said.

When Dhoni leads the team against Gujarat Titans in the final on Sunday, could it be his last?

As it has always been the case, we will never know. What we do know for sure is that there will be a sea of yellow filling the stadium.

Kharge, Rahul to meet Delhi, Punjab units to firm up stand on ordinance

PREETHA NAIR @New Delhi

May 29 meeting

With Rahul Gandhi leaving for a six-day US visit on May 30, the party wants decide on whether to back AAP on the Centre's ordinance or not. Kharge and Gandhi may meet the party's Delhi and Punjab units, which are strongly against supporting the AAP, on May 29.

DELHI CM Arvind Kejriwal has been receiving support from several Opposition parties, including his Telangana counterpart K Chandrashekhar Rao, West Bengal CM Mamata Banerjee, and Bihar CM Nitish Kumar, among others, on the Central ordinance keeping the primacy of the lieutenant governor in matters of transfers of bureaucrats in contradiction with a Supreme Court verdict. However, Congress is keeping him waiting.

Sources said Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge and senior leader Rahul Gandhi are likely to meet the party's Delhi and Punjab units on May 29 to decide if the party can back AAP on the ordinance row

Though AICC general secretary KC Venugopal last week said the party will consult its state units, opposition from its Delhi and Punjab units has put the party in a spot.

As Rahul Gandhi is embarking on a six-day US visit on May 30, the party wants to reach a decision at the earliest.

The AAP is at odds with the Centre over an ordinance over the control of administrative services in the national capital. Kejriwal has been seeking the support of all Opposition parties against the ordinance.

The meeting of Congress leaders comes close on the heels of a request from Kejriwal to the Congress top brass over the ordinance issue.

In a tweet on Friday, Kejriwal said, "Sought time this morning to meet Congress chief Kharge ji and Rahul Gandhi ji to seek Congress support in Parliament against undemocratic and unconstitutional ordinance passed by BJP government and also to discuss the assault on the federal structure and prevailing political situation," the Delhi chief minister tweeted.

But a response from Congress leader Alka Lamba to Kejriwal's tweet shows all is not well between the two parties.

Lamba, who quit AAP in 2019 to rejoin Congress, said, "AAP should apologise to Congress, Sonia Gandhi, Manmohan Singh, Sheila Dikshit and Gandhi family... We hope the Congress chief will consider the sentiments of party workers."

Interpol help may be sought to track J&K terrorists

AMIT MUKHERJEE @New Delhi

Security personnel conducting searches in J&K | FILE PHOTO

THE Union Home Ministry (MHA) is likely to seek assistance from Interpol to initiate actions against over 250 absconding terrorists – hailing from Jammu and Kashmir – who have sneaked out of India and have been operating from Pakistan, Pakistan Occupied Kashmir (POK) and other trans-border locations.

According to sources the move has been triggered in the wake of information gathered by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) and intelligence units of both the Centre and the state administration during recent targeted raids conducted in the region in the wake of the G20 summit that recently concluded in J&K.

Information, data and documents gathered following the raids revealed the fact that there are several local terrorists that are operating from across the borders and activating sleeper modules and overground workers and also influencing youths to engage in disruptive activities and terror attacks.

Sources said the process is being firmed up to file a request to the Interpol to seek issuance of red notices for the fugitives. The Interpol uses its worldwide network to locate and provisionally arrest offenders and fugitives pending extradition, surrender, or similar legal action.

In a pre-event crackdown just before the G20 meet in Srinagar against the terror support systems in J&K, the NIA had raided multiple locations in Srinagar, Budgam, Pulwama, Shopian, Awantipora, Anantnag, Handwara, Kupwara and Poonch districts relating to members of the banned Jamaat-e-Islami (JeI) and overground workers involved in conspiracies hatched by proscribed terrorist organisations and their affiliates, sources in the NIA said.

NIA's action was based on the history of cases in the recent past and intelligence and evidence gathered from multiple intelligence sources in the valley that suggests links with terrorist outfits like Hizb-ul-Mujahideen (HM) and Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) and others, an NIA official said.

Also, the NIA had arrested Mohammad Ubaid Malik, a resident of Kupwara district in north Kashmir, based on inputs that he was in constant touch with a Pakistan-based JeM Commander. Investigations had revealed that the accused was passing on secret information, especially regarding the movement of troops and security forces, to the Commander.

Following up on tip offs and information received from the raid the state intelligence units also conducted searches identifying the premises linked with 10 terrorists in Kishtwar, Ramban and Doda districts. According to sources these terrorists who had slipped out of the Indian territory in the past have been operating from Pakistan and PoK.

Operating from across the border these terrorists are mobilizing local overground workers in J&K.

NAXAL CLEARS EXAMS

A 19-year-old tribal girl from Maharashtra's Gondia district who was once a member of a Naxal squad has cleared the Class 12 board examination, and is aspiring to join the police force.

02 DIE — AFTER CAR FALLS INTO GORGE IN U'KHAND

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	42	27	Mumbai	35	29
Bhopal	43	28	Panaji	32	28
Jaipur	41	30	Patna	41	27
Amritsar	40	23	Lucknow	42	27
Chennai	39	30	Port Blair	34	28
Kolkata	36	26	Imphal	23	18
Srinagar	18	08	Chandigarh	42	23

Didi apologises for Midnapore blasts

CM visits site of explosions that took place on May 16, announces ₹2.5L compensation

PRANAB MONDAL @ Kolkata

CHIEF Minister Mamata Banerjee on Saturday sought to counter opposition charges that the Egra explosion in East Midnapore claiming 12 lives took place in a crude bomb manufacturing unit, apologising to the people of the area. She, however, said that the blast took place at an illegal firecracker manufacturing unit.

The CM, who visited the blast site 11 days after the blast and announced compensation for the families of the victims, stated that the incident could have been averted if the intelligence wings worked properly.

"I will bow my head down to you and apologise for the incident at a fire cracker manufacturing unit. Had the intelligence worked properly, this blast could have been averted. The state government will give ₹2.5 lakh for each of the victim's family and job of a homeguard for one of the deceased's families," said Mamata while addressing a rally at Khadikul village in Egra.

Though the CM said the explosion took place at a firework manufacturing unit, the opposition parties alleged that the unit was meant for manufacturing crude bombs for spreading violence in the panchayat elections scheduled to be held this year. In past five months, 16 people, including three minors, were killed in 10 explosions across the state.

Asking the local administration to take stern action against illegal firework manufacturing units, Mamata announced that her government would set up a cluster of "legitimate firework manufacturing unit" in the area. "I know many people earn their bread and butter by working in firework manufacturing units. But the local gram panchayats are not authorised to give permission for such units. Our government will set up a cluster of legitimate units in the area to create job opportunity for the women and men living in the region," she said.

Nine people have so far been arrested in connection with the Egra explosion and the main accused died three days after the incident at a hospital in Cuttack, Odisha.

The BJP, the principal opposition in the state, slammed the CM for playing down the incident. "She is saying the incident took place at a firework manufacturing unit, which is not correct. The magnitude of the explosion indicates powerful crude bombs were being manufactured in the factory. Now, she is trying to hoodwink the people of Egra by seeking apology," said BJP's state president Sukanta Majumdar.

CPM's central committee member Sujan Chakrabarty said the CM was trying to mislead people of the state. "Youth do not get job in the state by their qualification. They are offered a contractual job only if one of their family members died because of state administration's fault," he alleged.

From Egra, Mamata went to Salboni to join her nephew Abhishek Banerjee's public outreach and accused the BJP for instigating a section of people belong to backward class who attacked the vehicle of her minister Birbahan Hansda in Jhargram on Friday night who was following Abhishek's convoy. Birbaha's vehicle was vandalised by kurmis, a backward class who are majority in Junglemahal demanding Scheduled Tribe status.

"I strongly believe that kurmis were not involved in the attack on Birbaha's vehicle. It was the BJP who masterminded the attack on a tribal woman. Like Manipur, the BJP is trying to create hatred among the kurmis and tribals in the backward region of the state. BJP cannot win Bengal by fuelling hatred among communities," said Mamata while addressing a rally in Salboni.

Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee meets people of Egra area where a blast in an illegal firecracker factory took place, on Saturday | PTI

Bombs aimed at disrupting polls: Oppn

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C'garh Maoists in a state of panic over ₹2k currency notes

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) decision to withdraw ₹2,000 notes has caught outlawed CPI (Maoist) on wrong foot.

Days after the decision, three bundles of ₹2000 notes, amounting to ₹6 lakh, were seized in south Bastar in Chhattisgarh from two men allegedly associated with the banned outfit.

After the 2016 demonetisation by the Centre, it was claimed the move had led to adverse impact for the Maoists and their activities as the decision broke the backbone of Maoists in Chhattisgarh economically as most of their stored money in high currencies had then turned invalid.

According to the Bijapur district police chief Anjaneya Varshney, the duo tried to flee after they spotted a mobile police checkpoint, following which a joint team of district reserve guards (DRG) and local police apprehended them.

They were identified as Gajendra Madvi and Laxman Kunjam, residents of Basaguda in Bijapur.

"Three bundles of ₹2,000 notes of 2 lakh each besides the 11 passbooks of their acquaintances operating in various banks and Maoist-related pamphlets were recovered from them while they were fleeing on their motorbike. Madvi revealed that Maoist commander Mallesh gave him ₹8 lakh in ₹2000 notes to deposit in banks. They were left with ₹6 lakh to be deposited," the SP said.

Kunjam deposited ₹ 50,000 in Punjab National Bank, ₹ 48,000 in Union Bank while Madvi settled ₹38,000 in SBI and ₹ 50,000 in Central Bank.

Both were booked under the Chhattisgarh Special Public Security Act and further investigation is on. Bijapur is among the seven Maoist-affected districts in Bastar zone, south Chhattisgarh.

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Congress in turmoil over Nana Patole

Maharashtra Congress has been witnessing turbulence recently. There has been no proper coordination among the top leaders of the party in the state. Its state unit president Nana Patole is reportedly unable to manage the kind of resources that the grand old party needs to function effectively, run the party's organisation and expand its base. Since he has to rely on other leaders for this task, other leaders within the Congress have been left disgruntled with him. They have been demanding that a 'resourceful leader' be appointed as state president so that the party is able to fight on the ground and gain a strong voter base to enable it to get to a favourable situation in the forthcoming elections in the state.

Rift between Patil, Pawar growing?

The internal tussle between Leader of Opposition (LoP) Ajit Pawar and NCP state president Jayant Patil has reportedly been troubling the party. Patil was questioned by the ED for more than nine hours and later, he received many phone calls that extended moral support from many political leaders, including Uddhav Thackeray. However, Ajit made no such call. Now, Patil and his supporters believe that he should be made the LoP rather than with Pawar, accusing him of being hand in glove with BJP leaders rather than raising peoples' issues on the floor of the House.

Kejriwal's Oppn outreach helps highlight issue

AAP convener and Delhi chief minister Arvind Kejriwal was recently in Mumbai to seek the support from Shiv Sena (Uddhav Balasaheb Thackeray) chief Uddhav Thackeray and NCP chief Sharad Pawar to oppose the Central government. The Centre issued an ordinance that takes away the rights of the elected government for appointing senior officers in Delhi. Kejriwal used this opportunity to connect with Opposition leader by visiting them personally rather than relying on phone calls. The outreach also helped highlight the matter in the media and unite the Oppositions against the ordinance that Kejriwal said was 'undemocratic'.

Punjab forms SIT to investigate trafficking of women to Gulf

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE Punjab Police has set up a special investigation team (SIT) to investigate the cases of trafficking of women from the state to the Middle-East countries.

Recently, 15 women had returned from Oman and narrated their ordeal. They had moved to the Gulf nation for a better-paying job but eventually found themselves trapped by a travel agent-cum-trafficker there.

As per an order issued by Director Bureau of Investigation LK Yadav, an SIT has been formed with Superintendent of Police- Ferozepur Randhir Kumar as its head.

Meanwhile, IG-- Ludhiana Range Kaustubh Sharma has been appointed as the nodal officer to ensure hassle-free lodging of the FIRs in various districts across the state.

The SIT will probe the complaints of women regarding their trafficking on a false promise of providing decent employment and salary. The order added that all such complaints would be registered immediately as FIRs.

The orders mention that a case has already been lodged in connection with such cases at Ghall Khurd village of Ferozepur against an agent for offences under Section 420 of the IPC and Section 13 of the Punjab Travel Professionals (Regulation) Act.

Meanwhile, Vikramjit Singh Sahney, a Rajya Sabha MP, has assured all the stranded women stuck in Middle-East countries and their families that he will be providing free-of-cost skill training to these girls once they come back and facilitate sustainable and dignified employment for them in Punjab itself.

He requested all destitute girls, who have come back to India, and families of illegal immigrants stuck in the Middle-East countries to come forward and register the cases with the police stations concerned so that guilty can be brought to book.

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Coaching capital Kota sees 5th suicide in May

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

THIS month has seen a series of student suicides that have shaken Kota, the coaching capital of India. Two students died by suicide in the past one week. The coaching city witnessed a total of five suicides this month, a clear indication of how serious the student suicides situation still remains in the city.

In the latest case on Saturday, a seventeen-year-old girl, NEET aspirant, hung herself. Sakshi, from Tonk district in Rajasthan, was taking NEET coaching while residing with her uncle in Kota. Her body was discovered hanging from a noose in her room on Saturday morning. A suicide note was also found in the room, which read, "No one is responsible for my death." The incident took place in the Kunhadi police station area of the city. This marks the fifth case of student suicide in the last four weeks.

Earlier, on Wednesday, a 16-year-old NEET examinee named Aryan, from Nalanda district, Bihar, also took his own life by hanging. Aryan had been studying in Kota for the past year. After returning from an annual break, he attended classes until he took the step.

Ayodhya student falls off school roof, parents claim foul play

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

A Class 10 girl student died under mysterious circumstances after she allegedly fell from the terrace of the school in Ayodhya on Friday. The girl's parents, however, have claimed foul play after they saw injuries on their daughter's body.

The parents alleged that the body of their daughter bore several injury marks on her hands, feet and hips.

They claimed that her face was swollen and her eyes were injured which could be a result of an assault. The police, during the investigation, scanned the school CCTV, wherein, the girl was seen falling from the third floor to the ground, contradicting the school authorities' claim, that the girl fell off a swing which is only one-and-a-half feet high.

The parents claimed that the traces of blood were also removed from the place where the girl had allegedly fallen. Moreover, the spectacles and mobile of the deceased found on the spot were not broken.

The police have registered a case against three persons including school manager Brijesh Yadav, principal Rashmi Bhatia, and sports teacher Abhishek Kannojia, invoking sections pertaining to gang rape, destruction of evidence, murder and also under POCSO Act on the basis of the complaint lodged by the girl's father on Saturday.

According to police sources, the principal tried to mislead the family of the deceased by claiming that the death was due to falling from the swing.

The incident happened at Sunbeam School on Ayodhya-Rae Bareilly Road in Cantt area around 8.45 am on Friday, when the girl was called to school by the principal during the summer vacation.

The girl's body has been sent for autopsy examination which will be conducted by a panel of three doctors under videography, said police sources.

3 persons in police net

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Schools told to adhere to guidelines: Yogi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Lucknow

IN order to ensure safety of children in educational institutions, the Uttar Pradesh government, on Saturday, issued instructions to all Basic Shiksha Adhikaris (BSA) to adhere to the guidelines set to prevent physical, mental and sexual abuse of children in school premises.

The state government reissued detailed guidelines, prepared in the year 2015, regarding the safety of students. State project director Vijay Kiran Anand sent a letter to all district BSAs to ensure action in this regard. As per the letter, "The guidelines should be followed in all primary, upper primary, composite and Kasturba Gandhi Girls Schools. Ensure strict compliance".

The purpose of the guidelines issued on February 23, 2015 was to ensure safety of children on school premises. The intent was also to protect the children from physical and mental harassment.

Delegates at U'khand G20 meet vow to take effective steps against corruption

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

THE second meeting of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) concluded on Saturday with in-depth and productive deliberations and brainstorming on several key areas related to "asset recovery, fugitive economic offenders, formal and informal channels of cooperation for information sharing," institutional framework to combat corruption and mutual legal assistance.

The three-day meeting, which began in Narendranagar (Tehri Garhwal) on May 25, was attended by over 90 delegates from 20 member-countries, 10 invited countries and nine international organisations.

The G20 meeting, which has been going on for the last three days in Rishikesh, was inaugurated by Union Minister of State for Defence and Tourism Ajay Bhatt on May 25. It concluded on Saturday.

The meeting saw wide participation, including UNODC, OECD, Egmont Group, Interpol and IMF. It was chaired by Rahul Singh, additional secretary, DoPT and president of G-20 ACWG and co-chaired by Giovanni Tartaglia, co-chair of The G-20 ACWG, Italy and Fabrizio Marcelli, minister of foreign affairs and International Cooperation of Italy.

On the inaugural day of the ACWG, a unique side event on 'Gender and Corruption'' was held. Minister of State for External Affairs and Culture Meenakshi Lekhi delivered the keynote address.

During the event, national and international experts and practitioners deliberated on the gender aspects of corruption, the ways in which women's empowerment is intrinsically linked to anti-corruption initiatives and the need for gender-sensitive governance and policymaking.

The delegates tasted the rich culture, heritage and cuisine of India during their stay in Rishikesh. India is looking forward to hosting delegates again in Kolkata from August 9 to 11 for the third meeting of the ACWG. India will also host the first individual anti-corruption ministerial meeting to provide further momentum to the G20 agenda of strengthening the international fight against corruption.

'Give no benefits to tribals who have converted'

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

A rally was convened in Gujarat's Ahmedabad City demanding that tribal members who have converted to other religions, such as Islam or Christianity, no longer receive community privileges.

Congress, on the other hand, accused them of attempting to divide the community through this campaign.

The Janjati Suraksha Manch, a tribal organization, was in charge of organizing the protest.

The group claims that since 2006, different tribes have organized agitations all around the nation to demand that those who have converted to Islam or Christianity be denied certain privileges. Such individuals, it went on to say, profit from both their tribal and minority identities.

Residents around Kuno park offer prayers for well-being of cheetah cubs

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

DEATH of six cheetahs, including three cubs within two months at Madhya Pradesh's Kuno National Park (KNP), has prompted residents of the neighbouring Karahal town to hold special prayers for the well-being of the African big cats – who they look up to for their future prosperity and development.

The Manshapoorna Hanuman Temple in Karahal town (15 km from the KNP and 50 km from the Sheopur district HQ) is resonating with special prayers for the safety of cheetahs since Thursday evening. An *akhand jyoti* has been lit-up, round the clock keertans and bhajans as well as special Sunder Kand path have begun at the temple for the safety of the cheetahs.

"The doctors are doing their job at the KNP to save the life of the last of the four cheetah cubs that were born at the park in March last week. But along with *dava* (medicine), *dua* (prayers) too are necessary for the safety of the cheetahs," Karahal resident Giriraj Paliwal, who is also the panchayat secretary of neighbouring Ranipura village told this newspaper on Friday.

Manshapoorna Hanuman in Karahal town, 50 km from Kuno, holds special prayers

"From the time the Namibian cheetahs were released into the KNP as part of the Cheetah Reintroduction Project on September 17, 2022, the people residing in this backward Karahal block of MP, have hoped that the cheetah tourism once started, will bring prosperity to the locals.

Lands which were once priced at ₹1 Lakh, have since then seen their value increase by ten times. In villages close to the KNP, almost 60% of land is sold to those planning to develop resorts and hotels to cash on the Cheetah Tourism.

Kosovo riot police use water cannon to disperse Serbs gathered in front of a municipal building after police helped install ethnic Albanian mayors following controversial elections in the Serb-majority town of Zvecan on Friday | AFP

Army on full alert after Serbs clash with Kosovo cops

Violence broke over the installation of ethnic Albanian mayors in four north Kosovo towns

BELGRADE

SERBIA'S army remained on the "highest level of alert" near the border with Kosovo, the Balkan country's presidency said on Saturday, a day after clashes broke out between ethnic Serbs and Kosovo police.

On Friday, special units of Kosovo's police fired tear gas as Serbs protested the installation of ethnic Albanian mayors elected in April, after a controversial vote in four northern Kosovo towns that are mainly populated by Serbs.

Kosovo's ethnic Serb minority boycotted the elections in the north in April, allowing ethnic Albanians to take control of the local councils despite the vote's tiny turnout of less than 3.5%.

There are frequent bouts of unrest in Kosovo's northern districts, home to many ethnic Serbs, who have remained loyal to Belgrade and never accepted Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence in 2008.

An estimated 120,000 Serbs live in Kosovo, many in the four northern districts.

In the wake of the latest unrest, Serbian President Aleksandar Vucic ordered the army on Friday to be placed on high alert and "start moving" towards the border with Kosovo.

On Saturday morning, Vucic chaired a meeting of the National Security Council which adopted a plan of "security activities... aimed at strengthening Serbia's defence capabilities," the Serbian president's office said in a statement.

The presidency added that "Serbia's armed forces remain in a state of maximum alert until further notice."

The US, France, the UK, Italy and Germany called on the Kosovo authorities "to immediately step back and de-escalate," adding that they were also "concerned by Serbia's decision to raise the level of readiness" of its army.

On Saturday, NATO spokesperson Oana Lungescu called on "all parties to resolve the situation through dialogue."

However, Kosovo PM Albin Kurti showed no hint of backtracking and said that while Pristina understood "the concerns" of their "international partners... any other option would be a failure to fulfil constitutional obligations." "I invite everyone...to cooperate with the new mayors and their cabinets...," Kurti said. *AFP*

Close to clinching debt ceiling deal, says Biden, claims he is optimistic

WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Joe Biden said on Friday that Democratic and Republican negotiators were on the verge of resolving a debt ceiling standoff, as the deadline for a potentially catastrophic US default was pushed back to June 5.

"It's very close and I'm optimistic," Biden told reporters at the White House. "I'm hopeful we'll know by tonight whether we're going to be able to have a deal."

Although there was no indication of an imminent public announcement, it was the strongest sign yet that the drama in Washington might end, allowing the government to borrow and avoid a default that would likely trigger a recession and send shockwaves through the global economy.

Earlier, Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the dreaded X-date, when the government runs out of money unless it can borrow, will now be June 5, not June 1. Yellen, however, warned that the deadline extension does not change the urgency.

"Waiting until the last minute to suspend or increase the debt limit can cause serious harm to business and consumer confidence, raise short-term borrowing costs for taxpayers, and negatively impact the credit rating of the United States," she said in a letter to the Republican leader of the House of Representatives, Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

As per unconfirmed US media reports, the deal taking shape would include an agreement to extend the government's borrowing authority for two years, meaning no repeat of the current drama before the 2024 presidential election.

Democrats, however, would have to offer concessions on Republican demands for sweeping spending limits on social safety and other programmes.

McCarthy said that negotiators had "made progress" but added: "Nothing is agreed to until it's all agreed to."

A sign of how difficult it may be to nail down a deal revolved around a Republican demand that those applying for benefits like food assistance work for them.

White House spokesman Andrew Bates asserted that Republicans were willing to put at risk "over eight million jobs unless they can take food out of the mouths of hungry Americans." *AFP*

Joe Biden, US President | AP

EXPRESS READ

Man opened plane's door to get out quickly

Seoul: A man who opened an emergency exit on an Asiana Airlines flight in mid-air felt "suffocated" and wanted to get off quickly, South Korean police said on Saturday. "He felt the flight was taking longer than it should have been and felt suffocated inside the cabin," a Daegu police detective told AFP. "He wanted out quickly"

Former Sindh governor quits Imran's party

Islamabad: Imran Ismail, the former Sindh governor and his close aide parted ways with the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party on Saturday, hours after an anti-terrorism court in Karachi ordered his release from prison. Earlier, an anti-terrorism court in Karachi ordered Ismail's release after furnishing a personal bond of Rs 50,000

Avalanche in northern Pakistan kills 11

Gilgit: A snowy avalanche in northern Pakistan killed 11 people on Saturday, including a 4-year-old boy, and injured 25 from a nomadic tribe as they crossed a mountainous area with their goat herds, police said. The avalanche struck the nomads in the Chambeli area of Shounter Pass that connects the Astore district of the Gilgit Baltistan region to the bordering Azad Kashmir area.

NEPAL BEGINS EXPORTING ELECTRICITY TO INDIA

KATHMANDU

NEPAL has started exporting electricity to India from Saturday, as the generation of hydroelectricity from run-of-the-river projects increased with the onset of the monsoon in the Himalayan country. Last year also, Nepal exported hydroelectricity to India from June to November. "We have started selling 600 MW hour electricity to India from Saturday as there is a surplus in the electricity in the country," said Suresh Bhattarai, spokesperson of Nepal Electricity Authority. Some time ago Nepal was importing up to 400 MW electricity from India to meet the domestic demand. *PTI*

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IN THE COURT OF THE XIXTH ADDL: CHIEF METROPOLITAN MAGISTRATE AT BENGALURU C.Misc.No.2095/2023

PETITIONER : Smt.Shivamma, W/o Late Puttegowda Age 48 years, Kalappa Block, No.C-36, 3rd Cross, 2nd Main Road, Sri Rampuram, BENGALURU-560021.

-Vs-

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2. The Assistant Commissioner, (Assessment) West Division, Bengaluru City Corporation, BENGALURU-560021.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is notified to the general public that the petitioner's huuband **Late Puttegowda S/o Late Marigowda, passed away on 11-04-2019** at Dr.B.R.Ambedkar Medical Day Care Center No.104/3, 7th Cross, 7th Main, Ramakrishna Nagara Sri Rampuram, Bengaluru-560021. The petitioner filed the above petition requesting the Hon'ble court for issuing order/direction to the respondents for registering the death date to the petitioners husband dated: 11-04-2019 as per the death date issued by the Hospital, and to issue the death certificate to the petitioner.

The above petition posted for hearing **on 30-05-2023 at 11.00 A.M.** If any body interested for filing objection they are at liberty to file objection on the said date and time failing which the petition will be heard on its merit.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on this 2nd Day of May 2023.

By order of the Court, Shirastedar
19th Addl. A.C.M.M. Court, Bengaluru
Advocate for Petitioner
Sri H.Nagaraja, B.Sc.LL.B
No.14, 15th Cross, Cubbonpet, BENGALURU-560002.

TO WHOM SO EVER IT MAY CONCERN

This is to inform the public at large that my clients Sri Harsha Kumar K S/o Thammanna R/at No. 57, 2nd Main, Tumkur City, being desirous of purchasing the lands mentioned in the schedule at the end along with the stone Crusher plant setup and the name and style M/s Krishna stone Crusher bearing Licence No. KMG/DDT/SCL/86/2021-22/995 situated within Sy. No. 99 & 101 of Eralagere village, Tiptur Taluk (included in schedule) lands as informed as that he has entered into an agreement dated 27.05.2023 with the owners of the said lands viz. Sri. KM Krishna and Sri KM Laxman both sons of Sri Mallikarjuna for the purchase of the said lands as well as far transfer of Licence of the said stone crusher for mutual agreed consideration amount.

I am hereby called upon to issue this notice to the public at large as a matter of abundant caution against any person claiming any manners of rights over the schedule property. It has been made clear to our clients by their vendors that they have a clear marketable and unencumbered title over the schedule property and inpursuance of the same a sale deed will be executed in favour of my client within 7 days from the date of this notice in light of the same the general public is hereby set at notice not to enter into any transactions over the schedule lands with the owners Sri. KM Krishna and KM Lakshman are anybody claiming under them here forth.

Schedule

1. Land bearing Sy. No. 101 measuring 4 acres
2. Land bearing Sy. No. 102 measuring 9 acres 22 guntas
3. Land bearing Sy. No. 107/2 measuring 3 acres 10 guntas
4. Land bearing Sy. No. 111 measuring 2 acres 5 guntas
5. Land bearing Sy. No. 100 measuring 4 acres 17 guntas
6. Land bearing Sy. No. 106 measuring 4 acres
7. Land bearing Sy. No. 99 measuring 4 acres 35 guntas
8. Land bearing Sy. No. 108 measuring 3 acres 22 guntas
9. Land bearing Sy. No. 98 measuring 5 acres

All the lands are situated at Eralagere village Tiptur Taluk Tumkur District in all measuring 40 acres 31 guntas

Schedule B

Stone Crusher plant in the name and style M/s Krishna stones Crushers bearing licence number as above situated within lands bearing Sy.No.99 & 101 of Eralagere village Tiptur Taluk, Tumkur District.

TP Shashidhara, Advocate
#31, 2nd Floor, 10th Cross, Major Sandeep Road, Kogilu, Yelahanka, Bengaluru 64
E-mail: shashivhp@gmail.com
ph: 9844319130

PUBLIC NOTICE

My clients having negotiated the price are doing due diligence after entering into agreement to sell for purchasing the schedule property hereto from its present Owners, presently residing at Bengaluru and other places.

Hence, Any person/s, companies, Banks, Financial Institutions etc., asserting any right, title, interest or claim in the schedule property or any part thereof in any manner or having any claim/s against the schedule property or the documents thereof, or against the owner of the Schedule property by objecting to such sale in favor of my client should write to the undersigned **within FIFTEEN DAYS** of the issuance of this public notice with all documentary proof on which they are basing and asserting their rights with regards to the schedule property or any part thereof, after which period my client shall thereafter complete the sale transaction on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regards to the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing Municipal No.19 & 19/1 (earlier having No.19, Site No. 36), assigned with BBMP PID Nos. 77-63-19 & 77-63-19/1, situated at BBMP Ward No.93-Vasanthanagar (old Ward No.77), 1st Main Road, Sripuram, Bengaluru – 560020, measuring East to West 60 Feet, North to South 45 Feet totally measuring 250.8368 Square Meter equivalent to 2700.0092 Square Feet, with residential house comprising of Ground Floor, measuring 167.2254 Square Meters equivalent to 1800.01420 square feet, having the amenities of electricity, water and sanitary connections, together with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances whether underneath or above the surface, bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.41; **West by:** 1st main Road; **North by :** Site No.37; **South by**: Site No.35;

J. BHASKAR REDDY, Advocate
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Railway parallel road, Kumarapark West,
Bangalore – 560 020.Phone : 98801 01301,
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TENDER NOTICE NO: 21/2023. Dt.26.05.2023. SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS e-Procurement Tender Notice

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenderers Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **ww.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
76.23.1003	Steel wire 1.2 mm in spool of weight
84.23.1310	Non-Flammable solvent based adhesive
80.23.1200	Servo Press -150 RR
82.23.4609A	(PH No.25142) TRASTUZUMAB EMTANSINE 100 MG INJ
33.23.1103	Rubber Spring
38.23.2062	Load sensing device
38.23.2119	OH Kit
60.22.5372	Dredger station As per plasser Part
60.23.9046	Over riding switch to Drg.No.T-4966
38.23.2294	POH Kit for D.V.keo type
38.23.2059	Swing Door frame with panel
65.23.5002B	Supply Installation and Commissioning
40.23.1079	XLPE insulated and PVC sheathed 4 core
60.23.9047	Re-railing and curve sleepers
46.23.5006	Supply of set of solid core Porcelain
LH225997	Supply Installation and commissioning
56.23.7001	Tender for Rate contract for supply of 24 fiber
60.23.9049	Over riding switch to Drg.No.T-6068
40.23.1073	XLPE insulated and PVC sheathed 4 core 25 Sq.
82.23.2558A	(PH No.25115) Crizotinib 250 Cap/Tab
38.23.1023	Locking Plate
38.23.1636	Distributor valve with adapter
38.23.3592	Centre Pivot Top
38.23.2120	OH Kit

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No.01 on dt.05.06.2023.SL.No.02 on dt.08.06.2023. SL.No.03 to.05 on dt.12.06.2023.SL.No.06 to 09 on dt.13.06..2023.SL.No.10 to 14 on dt.14.06.2023. SL.No.15 & 16 on dt.15.06.2023.SL No.17 on dt.19.06.2023.SL.No.18 on dt.21.06.2023.SL.No.19 on dt.22.06.2023.SL.No.20 & 21 on dt.26.06.2023. SL.No.22 on dt.27.06.2023.SL. No.23.on dt.29.06.2023. SL.No.24 on dt.05.07.2023.

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below **Rs.25 Lakhs.**

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Principal Chief Materials Manager/Secunderabad

e-Tender Notice No.B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-05-23-24 dt.25.05.2023

Tenders are invited in IREPS by the undersigned for the following works

Sl.No.: 1 Tender No.: B/E.29-TRD-TNDR-05-23-24 **Description of Work:** Additions and alterations to OHE in connection with "Proposed Under Surface Wheel Lathe (Pit Wheel Lathe) at MCS/RJY" in Vijayawada - Visakhapatnam section". **Approx. Value (₹):** 41,65,726/- **Bid Security (EMD) (₹) :** 83,300/- **Completion period:** 12 Months

S.No. 1 - Cost of Tender form (Rs.) : Nil

Date of closing : 21.06.2023 at 15.00 Hrs.

Sr.Divisional Electrical Engineer/ TrD/Vijayawada
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DOCUMENTS LOST

I, **CHANDRA MOHAN UMASHANKAR,** residing at # 22322, Prestige Falcon City, Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte Cross, Bangalore South, Bengaluru-560 062 do hereby inform to the general public that on 12-05-2023, while I was travelling near Konanakunte, I have lost the Sale Deed document of my property bearing No. 3440 dated 13.09.1991. Inspite of my best efforts I could not trace the same and in this regards on 12-05-2023, I had lodged complaint at Police Unit, Bengaluru City, Vide Lost Report No. 0560382/2023. If any body finds the above said document or is in possession, please handover the same to the above said address or contact me on 9844090806

IN THE COURT OF CHIEF JUDICIAL MAGISTRATE JUDGE, BANGALORE RURAL DISTRICT AT BANGALORE CRL. MIS. NO.553 / 2023

BETWEEN: Sri. Chikkamuniyappa, S/o Late Kempaiah, age 69 years & others **....Petitioners**
AND:The Thasildar, Yelahanka Taluk, Yalahank, Bangalore Rural District **....Respondent**

Take Notice that the Petitioners Sri. Chikkamuniyappa and Others (1 to 11) all are Resident of Sonnenahalli Village, Byatha Hobli, bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore - 560089, **has applied for issue of death Certificate of Grandmother of Petitioner No.1 to 11 in respect of the death reported 20-08-1960 in respect of Lakkamma @ Akkayyamma W/o Late Channa Hanumaiah.** Any Person/s are having any objection/s to issue the same may notify to this court **on 03-07-2023** with valid and tanable statements, either through advocates or in person. In the event no objections are received, it will be presumed that, there is /are no objection/s are any type of claims and this court will proceed further in the matter, ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Court, of this day **25-05-2023**

By order of the court, Sheristedar
CJM Courts, Bangalore (R) District at Bangalore
HAREESHA H.N, Advocate
T.K.PLaw Associates, No.207/1, 1st Floor, 7th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bangalore-02.

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owner **Sri. Venkatesh S Kalal,** S/o Shamrao M. Kalal. Any one having any sort of claims or objections relating to the property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 10 days from this publication, with supporting documents, failing which the sale transactions shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest and claim

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Site No. 114. formed out of converted land bearing Sy No:127, PID No 150200202800900809, Katha No.589 in Form No. 9 and Form No. 11(b) in the Layout known as Sharada Pragathi Nagar situated at Mathahalli village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West 12.19 Mts(40 ft) and North to South 9.14 Mts (30 ft) in all measuring 111.41 Sq. mts (1200 Sq feet) **BOUNDED BY**

East by : Site No. 85, **West by :** Road
North by : Site No 113, **South by :** Site No.115

Anuradha.D., Advocate
No 48, NS Building, 8th Main Road, Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560 057

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the below mentioned property from its present owner **Sri.Chandramohan S Kalal,** S/o Shamrao M. Kalal. Any one having any sort of claims or objections relating to the property or proposed sale may lodge the same with the undersigned within 10 days from this publication, with supporting documents, failing which the sale transactions shall be completed without any reference to such right, title, interest and claim.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing Site No.134 formed out of converted land bearing Sy.No. 126, PID No. 150200202800900829, Katha No.609, Form No. 9 and Form No 11(b) in the Layout known as Sharada Pragathi Nagar, situated at Mathahalli village. Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk measuring East to West 12.19 Mts (40 ft) and North to South 9.14 Mts (30 ft) in all measuring 111.41 Sq. mts (1200 Sq. feet) **BOUNDED BY**

East by : Site No:131, **West by :** Road
North by : Site No.133, **South by :** Site No.135

Anuradha.D., Advocate
No 48, NS Building 8th Main Road. Bhuvaneshwari Nagar, T Dasarahalli, Bangalore 560 057

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KRISHNE GOWDA** S/o Late Ramakrishne Gowda, No. 7781052F, Rank NK, resident of K Hosahalli Village, Halekoppalu Post, Hassan Taluk, Hassan Dist-573201. I have discharged from Service on 31-01-2016. I have changed my daughter's name from **Dhiksha** to **H K Deeksha** her correct date of birth is **20-05-2009.** vide affidavit dated 24-05-2023 before notary Sajjan Jain N at Hassan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is brought to the notice of General Public and to whomsoever it may concern that my client is intending to purchase the immovable property described in the schedule hereunder from **M/s. BASANT FLOORS,** (Formerly known as BANGALORE FLOORINGS), Represented by its Managing Partner, **Smt. NANDA S. PATIL** and partner **Ms. PAVANI PATIL,** who claims to be the Owners of the Schedule Property.

Any person/s having any claim over the schedule property or any objection/s regarding the transaction may contact the undersigned within **7 days** of publication of this notice with supporting documents in writing, failing which my client being a intending bonafide purchaser will complete the sale transaction and any claims made thereafter will not be entertained or binding on my client.

SCHEDULE

All that piece of land known as **Plot No.70 A**, of Jigani II Phase Industrial Area situated in Sy. Nos: 21/4, 21/5 & 116/1 of Jigani Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District containing by ad measurement 4043 Sq. Mtrs. and bounded as follows that is to say:-

On or towards the North by : Plot No. 70 B
On or towards the South by : Road
On or towards the East by : Road
On or towards West by : Plot No. 74

NAGARAJ N DAMODAR, Advocate
RAO & RAO ASSOCIATES,
No.554, Near Sai Baba Temple, 13th Cross, Sampige Road, Malleswaram, Bangalore-560 003
Mob:9448278827 / 9141678867

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public, that my client Sri.Krishnamurthy Reddy S/o Muniswamy Reddy, residing at No.3-28, Srinivasapuram, Tiruchanur Road, Tirupathi, Andhra Pradesh State, on 26.04.2012 has entered into a Registered Agreement with Sri.G. Srinivasa Reddy S/o Govinda Reddy, Residing at No.90, Munnekolala Village, Opp. To Bus stand, Bangalore-560066, to purchase the following converted lands;

I) Land bearing Sy.No.33/2 measuring 2 Acres 37 Guntas,
ii) Land bearing Sy.No.34 measuring 3 Acres 31 Guntas,
iii) Land bearing Sy.No.35 measuring 3 Acres.
iv) Land bearing Sy.No.36/2 measuring 6 Acres 36 Guntas,

All the above properties are situated at Haraluru Village, Varthur Hobli, Bengaluru East Taluk.

That my client pursuant to entering into the Agreement of Sale with Sri.Srinivasa Reddy, said Srinivasa Reddy passed away leaving behind his widow and two daughters and a son, they are namely (i) Smt.Rani, (ii) Smt.Sushma S., (iii) Sri. S. Suhas Reddy, (iv) Smt. S. Shruthi, and (v) Smt. S. Smitha respectively. My client is ready and willing to purchase the aforesaid properties in terms of the Agreement of Sale dated 26.04.2012. However, the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in RFA No.768/2023 has passed an Interim Order restraining the parties therein from alienating the aforesaid properties, pending disposal of the aforesaid Appeal. In view of the above, my client hereby notify the general public, not to enter into any transaction in respect of the aforesaid properties with any person. Despite, this public notice if anybody ventures to enter into any contract, then they would be doing so at their cost and risk.

Sri. T. Seshagiri Rao, Advocate, No.230, 2nd Main, 2nd Cross Mahalakshmi Layout, Bengaluru-560086. Ph.No.080-23494850

PUBLIC NOTICE

Hereby notice to the general public is that Mr. Ghansyam Dhalwani being absolute owner of the notice schedule property has lost following documents:

Original BDA Memo dated 24-11-1973, Lease Cum Sale Agreement dated 28-07-1973, Doc No.2717/1973-74, Original Sale Deed Dated 28-05-1984, Doc No. 1551/1984-85, Original Sale Deed Dated 31-07-1989, Doc No. 4097/1989-90, Original Sale Deed Dated 28-05-1984, Doc No. 3136/1984-85, Original Transfer Agreement Dated 13-07-1983, Doc No.2633/1983-84, Original Indenture Deed of Sale by BDA, Original Notification of Death by Municipality Corporation of Hyderabad, Affidavit sworn by Mr. N Vijay Kumar and Affidavit sworn by Mr. Mukund N Iyengar and Affidavit by Mrs. Nirmala Iyengar pertaining to Notice schedule property and he intends Sell the Notice Schedule property based on Certified copy of the said Documents to the prospective purchaser. If any person/s having any right, claim or interest over the notice schedule property are hereby called upon to raise their objections with relevant documents fortifying their claim in the notice schedule property within 07 days from the date of this publication to the advocate office. After expiry of stipulated period of 07 days and in the event of non receiving any objections, it will be presumed that there is no claims whatsoever from anybody.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Residential property Bearing No. 671 measuring East to West 12.20 Meters, North to South 18.29 Meters consisting Ground and First Floor building thereon, Situated at 6th Cross, 3rd Block, Kormangala (Extension) Word No. 68 New No. 151, PID No. 68-2-671, Bengaluru and bounded On :

East : By Property No. 670,
West : By Property No.672,
North : By Property No. 678 ,
South : By Road.

RAG LAW ASSOCIATES.
ARPITHA G.D., LLM,
RASHMI ATHRESH., LLM,
GEETHA. N., B'Com, LLB
Chambers at: No.A/30, Rangarao Rd, Shankrapuram, Chamaraja Pete, Bengaluru -560004.
Mob - 9143276666 /8147681788

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client/s is intending to purchase the schedule property from its owners (i) Sri.T V Subramanya Setty, Son of Late T Venkatakrishnaiah Setty, Aged about 74 years, Residing at No: 3349, K R Road, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore – 560 070, (ii) Sri.T V Sathyanarayana, Son of Late T Venkatakrishnaiah Setty, Aged about 71 years, Residing at No: 2996, Seventeenth Cross, Off K R Road, Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore – 560 070 and (iii) Sri.V Ramachandraiah Setty, Son of Late T Venkatakrishnaiah Setty, Aged about 66 years, Residing at No: 166, First Floor, CQAL Layout, Ninth Main, Sahakara Nagar, Bangalore – 560 092, they were earlier partners of Amar Trading Co, which had its registered office at No:14, Thotadevara Galli, Cottonpet, Bangalore – 560 053;

It is informed by the present owner/s, that they have lost the originals of the following documents. In the said circumstances a Lost Article Report on 24-05-2023 vide Lost Report No: 0574226/2023, with the Bengaluru City Police Unit.

(i) Possession Certificate dt:03-11-1975 vide PR No.182/75-76, issued by Executive Engineer, CITB in favour of Sri.P Ramegowda;
(ii) Sale Deed dt:08-05-1986 executed by BDA in favour of Sri.P Ramegowda and registered as document No.360/86-87, Book I, Volume 1011, Pages 232 to 234 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar;
(iii) Sale Deed dt:27-06-1986 executed by Sri.P Ramegowda in favour of Sri Amar Trading Company and registered as document No.1082/86-87, Book I, Volume 1029 Pages 152 to 160 and registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Jayanagar;
(iv) All Revenue Records and Correspondence;

Any, person, having any objections / claims on the schedule property, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by registered post with regard to such lawful claim with the undersigned within 07 (seven) days from hereof, failing which my client/s will proceed to complete the registration formalities. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client/s;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of vacant Industrial site bearing No.48, situated at Banashankari Second Stage, Bangalore, ward No.166-Karisandara (old ward No.56) PID No.56-152-48 and bounded on the:

East By : CITB Site bearing No.47;
West By : CITB Site bearing No.49;
North By : Road;
South By : CITB Site bearing No.55;
MEASURING : East to West: 60 ft.,
North to South : 105 ft.,
In all admeasuring 6,300 Square feet;

N S SATYANARAYANA GUPTA
K S NAYAK, N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, Advocates
Rachana Law Associates
"Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731333880 Date : 27-05-2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to bring to the kind notice of the General public that my client **Vijay Kulkarni,** Son of Sri. Hemachandra, residing at No.SF 1, Ajantha Residency, Canara Bank Colony, Ankappa Layout, Uttarahalli, Bangalore 560 061 is negotiating with one **S. Krishna,** Son of Sri. Siddappa, residing at No.1102, 12th Main, Second A Cross, Raghavendra Block, Srinagar, Bangalore 560 050 and confirmation from M/s.Hasiru Farms Prakruthi, situated at No.1139, Maruthi Complex, 3rd Floor, BEML Layout, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bangalore 560 098 represented by its partners M.S.Harsha and Krishna S for the purchase of managed agricultural farmland bearing **Plot No.19 and 20, measuring an extent of 10,890 square feet** carved out of the Larger property in Survey No.14/4, situated at Sangama Road, Marale Bekuppe Village Uyamballi Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk Ramanagara District bounded on **East by :** Sy.No.16 and Sy.No.19, **West by :** Sy. No.13, **North by :** Plot No.18 and **South by :** Plot No.21 for a valuable sale consideration consideration and if any person/s is having any claims/ objections for the said transaction please send their claims/objections alongwith documents to the undersigned ***within 10 days*** from the date of this publication or else the transaction will be concluded by getting the sale deed executed in favour of my clients and the objections received later than 10 days will not be entertained. Which please note.

Sd/-
S.N.MADHU, ADVOCATE
No. 94/1A, 2nd A Cross, 3rd Phase 6th Block, 3rd Stage, BSK., Kathriguppe Near Ayappa Temple, Bangalore - 560 085
Date: 27.05.2023 Place: Bangalore

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My client **Sri. NAGARAJAN. V,** 51 years, S/o. P.R. Varadarajan, No.91, 4th Cross, 2nd Stage, Gruhalakshmi HBCS, Basaveshwaranagar, Bangalore-79, intends to Purchase Schedule Property from **Sri. VENKATESH. M.K,** 69 years, S/o. Moode Gowda, No.24, 8th Cross Road, 1st Stage, BEML Layout, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-79.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and offer his/her/their version, in writing within ten days from publication of this notice with relevant documents and objections failing which my client would proceed to complete the sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential property bearing Municipal No.24, BEML HBCS, 1st Stage, BBMP Ward No.74- Shakthiganapathinagar, PID No.16-3-24, Bangalore, formerly, No.24, formed by BEML ECSL, in Saneguruvanahalli, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet and bounded on East by Site No.25, West by Road, North by Road & Site No.23.

S. Ramesh Kumar, Advocate
231, I Floor, Laxmi Nivas, S.C. Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru - 560009. Mobile: 9845359588

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client **Sri. K.H.Arjun,** aged 36 years, S/o K.H.Mruthanjaya Shukla Kuttera, R/at No.1652, 5th Cross, 16th Main, Near Ganesh Temple, BSK 1st Stage, 2nd Block, Bangalore - 560050, is Purchasing the schedule Property from its owner Smt. Kanchan Todi, aged 49 years, W/o Sanjay Agarwal, R/at No.902 (1002) Anant Building, Plot No.88, 2), Sector No.29, Vashi Navi Mumbai - 400703, and has entered into sale agreement Dated : 24-05-2023, Any person having any claim/right over the said property may contact the undersigned with necessary documents in support of his/her claim **within 7(Seven) days** from today to the address given below or call upon to the mobile number provided hereunder in support of their claim, if any. failing which it will be treated by my client that there are no objections from any person for our client to purchase schedule property and my client would go ahead with the sale transaction and shall not be liable for any claim whatsoever.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of immovable Residential Apartment bearing Municipal New No.20/170 (Old No.4073) situated in Level -7 of Block-4 in **"PRESTIGE SOUTH RIDGE"** That has been assigned BBMP PID No.55-771-20/170 Constructed On Municipal No.20, (Old No.125/43), 4th Cross, Dattatreya Nagar, Municipal Ward No.55 of Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, and measuring 2891 Sq.feet of SBA, with right to use One Covered Car parking Space in the Basement and 1691 Sq. feet of UDS in Municipal No.20 (Old No.125/43, 4th Cross, Dattatreya Nagar, Municipal Ward No.55 of Padmanabhanagar, Bangalore, and bounded on :- **East by :** Open Towards open space in Block-4 of"PRESTIGE SOUTH RIDGE", **West by:** Open Towards open space in Block-4 of "PRESTIGE SOUTH RIDGE" , **North by :** Entrance and Lobby in Level -7 in Block -4 of "PRESTIGE SOUTH RIDGE", **South by :** Open Towards open space in Block-4 of "PRESTIGE SOUTH RIDGE",.

S. J. KUMAR, ADVOCATE
No.6/6, 1st Floor, 4th Main, Kumarapark West, Seshadripuram, Bangalore - 560020, Mob: 9886438007

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Of the 12 broad consumption items that official data publicly available, food is the largest component with a 29% share; next biggest component is transport

SUNITHA NATTI

INDIA is a consumption economy, but auto sales, durable goods sales, rail and air traffic, or residential property sales alone aren't definitive indicators of the underlying resilience of the Indian economy or the lack of it.

Private consumption expenditure accounts for about 60% of the national output and interestingly the high-frequency indicators listed above have relatively limited weights within household consumption, which means, a slowdown in auto sales or durable goods doesn't mean the shoe's going to drop.

Vehicle sales

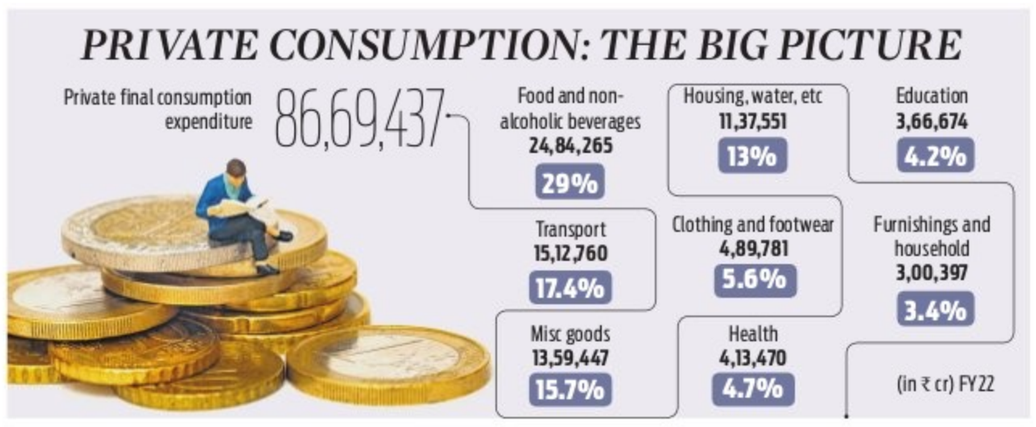
Passenger vehicle sales data is everyone's darling, thanks to manufacturer's dutiful monthly disclosures. It's said that two-wheelers are the second most expensive thing after property and hence, their monthly, quarterly and annual sales data are needlessly extrapolated to gauge the direction of the economy.

But household expenditure on vehicle sales stood at ₹1.5 lakh crore in FY22 (inflation-adjusted). That's 1.7% of the total private consumption expenditure of ₹87 lakh crore! Unbelievably, Indians spent more on alcoholic beverages than on vehicles at ₹1.6 lakh crore.

One of the reasons for such a low number, as Prof Anil K Sood notes, is because 60% of the sale value is computed under gross fixed capital formation, or investments, which unfortunately isn't publicly available. But given that annual auto sales itself is about Rs 4 lakh crore, it's a negligible component of the overall consumption expenditure story. While declining vehicle sales do indicate tightening household finances, along with a hit on manufacturing, the increase or decrease of vehicle sales alone shouldn't be taken as a proxy for the underlying economic performance.

Smartphone sales

Indians are spending steadily on smartphones, but they aren't an important indicator of aggregate demand. Smartphones are part of durable goods and official data shows households' consumption expenditure on durable goods itself stood at ₹3.1 lakh crore in FY22, or 3.6% of total private final consumption expenditure. This includes all spending towards home appliances, consumer electronics, furniture and more. Again, some of the spends towards long-term durable items may figure in capital formation, still a decline in smartphone sales or even electronics may well be small potatoes.



Rail and air traffic

While railways and airways are an important source of transport, it's the road transport that contributes a kings ransom. Of the ₹8.8 lakh worth economic activity generated by transport segment in FY22, 49% or ₹4.3 lakh crore came from roadways. Railways contributed ₹83,000 crore, while airways stood at ₹5,000-odd crore. Moreover, of the ₹15 lakh crore worth private consumption expenditure towards transport in FY22, if ₹8 lakh crore was spent towards transport services, an additional ₹5.5 lakh crore was forked out on personal transport equipment. It means, the increase and decrease in footfalls of air and rail passenger traffic alone shouldn't be used as a marker for economic activity.

Real estate:

Residential property sales stood at Rs 7.34 lakh crore in FY12, but have been slowing down since. At ₹4.84 lakh crore in FY22, they are yet to regain pre-covid levels.

Residential property purchases aren't computed as consumption expenditure, but given their role as tangible assets, they are considered as part of gross fixed capital formation. Yet, a slowdown in property sales is often seen as an indicator of weak consumption demand. Residential sales accounted for only15% of the ₹31.5 lakh crore worth value added by construction sector in FY22. It's the non-residential buildings, other structures, roads and bridges that comprise a lion's share.

Further, consumption of non-residential buildings has been steadily rising, regardless of demonetisation or the 2018-19 slowdown blues. From ₹7.2 lakh crore worth output in FY12, expenditure on non-residential buildings peaked to ₹11.95 lakh crore in FY18. It dipped marginally in FY21, but shot up to ₹14.34 lakh crore in FY22.

Unarguably, housing is the most expensive component of households, but for the overall economy, a slowdown in residential sales may not be as disastrous as a decline in non-residential buildings and other strucutres, which currently isn't the case.

Barring two post-covid years, construction output data shows decent rise indicating the health of the underlying economic activity.

If not vehicle sales, durable goods, and real estate, what drives the Indian economy? There are several moving parts. Of the 12 broad consumption items that official data is publicly available, food is the largest component with a 29% share. As an aside, Indians collectively spent ₹2.7 lakh crore on vegetables, higher than the ₹2.4 lakh crore spent on meat, fish and seafood in FY22.

The next biggest component is transport followed by miscellaneous goods including financial services, insurance and personal care items. Housing rentals, house furnishings are also one of the significant expenditure heads under consumption.

Aditya Birla Group firms see sharp drop in Q4 profit

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE big guns of over 150-year-old Aditya Birla Group, which contributes heavily to its total income, had a rather displeasing March-ending quarter of financial year 2023 (Q4FY23).

In line with the performance of industry peers, the three firms of the mining-to-cement conglomerate – UltraTech Cement, Hindalco Industries and Grasim Industries – saw a sharp drop in profits, reflecting weak demand. Two other listed firms of the group – Vodafone idea and Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail – are also going through their fair share of pains. Only Aditya Birla Capital has shown strong performnace during the quarter.

"The Aditya Birla Group firms face significant challenges. Hindalco grapples with the uncertainty of China's economic recovery impacting metal demand and global aluminium prices. UltraTech is burdened by a 2% de-growth in the housing segment, which heavily consumes cement, along with the effects of RERA and slow sales growth. Grasim faces weak demand for textile products, falling chemical prices, and rise in expenses," said Sonam Srivastava, founder at Wright Research, an investment advisory firm.

Srivastava adds that Hindalco's revenue is projected to fall in Q1FY24, but its earnings may grow annually. UltraTech's earnings should see significant growth over next three years, surpassing domestic market's growth rate while Grasim could experience growth in both earnings and revenue, he said.

Q4FY23 Performance: Up to 89% Drop in PAT

As many as 4 firms of the $70 billion Aditya Birla Group reported their Q4 earnings this week. Grasim on Friday reported 88.5% year-on-year (YoY) drop in its Q4 standalone net profit at ₹93.51 crore even as its revenue from operations rose 4.2% to ₹6,645.83 crore.

"Standalone Q4 PAT was impacted by softening of realisations in Chemicals business compared to the elevated levels of Q4 last year and continued global weakness in Viscose Staple Fibre (VSF) business," said Grasim whose subsidiaries include Ultratech Cement and Aditya Birla Capital (ABCL). Grasim's consolidated profit fell 42% to ₹2,355.67 crore for Q4.

Hindalco on Wednesday posted a 37% drop in consolidated net profit at ₹2,411 crore in Q4 as against ₹3,851 crore in Q4FY22. Consolidated revenue for the quarter came in at ₹55,857 crore as against ₹55,764 crore in the same quarter last year. "Our diversified business model continues to drive Hindalco's resilient performance in challenging times. Our copper business delivered exceptional results recording its highest-ever EBITDA, driven by robust market demand, stable operations and higher value-added product sales," said Satish Pai, MD, Hindalco Industries.

UltraTech Cement, India's largest cement maker, had last month reported a 36% fall in consolidated net profit at ₹1,665.95 crore in Q4. Fall in PAT is attributed to rise in energy and raw material prices. Revenue from operations rose 18.4% to ₹18,662.4 crore in Q4. The Group's apparel retailer arm-Aditya Birla Fashion and Retail had reported a consolidated net loss of ₹187 crore for Q4. Aditya Birla AMC net profit fell 14.48% to ₹135.56 crore during Q4. Amid a fall in PAT of these firms, the group's financial unit Aditya Birla Capital posted 35% rise in net profit of ₹608 crore in Q4.

Telecom Biz remains a Concern

Vodafone Idea, an Aditya Birla Group and Vodafone Group partnership, continue to report deep losses and decline in subscriber base. Its net loss narrowed to ₹6,419 crore in Q4 from ₹6,563 crore a year ago. FY23 loss widened to ₹29,301 crore from ₹28,245 crore a year ago.

ADITYA BIRLA GROUP PERFORMANCE

Company	Profit/loss Q4FY23	Profit/loss Q4FY22	Gwoth/declice (in %)
Ultratech	₹1,666 cr	₹2,620 cr	Down 42
Hindalco	₹2,411 cr	₹3,851 cr	Down 37
Grasim	₹94 cr	₹814 cr	Down 89
Vodafone Idea	(₹6,419)	(₹6,563)	N.A
Aditya Birla Capital	₹608 cr	₹450 cr	Up 35%
Aditya Birla Fashion	(₹187 cr)	₹44 cr	N.A

YEAR-TO-DATE SHARE PERFORMANCE IN 2023

UltraTech Cement	up 10%
Grasim	down 2.67%
Hindalco	down 15.19%
Aditya Birla Capital	up 6%
Voda Idea	down 12%

9-YR OF MODI GOVT

Govt brought in change in mindset: FM

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

PRIME MINISTER NARENDRA MODI has brought in change in the mindset and earned trust and faith of the people of this country through his unflinching 'Seva Bhaav', Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said on Saturday.

Participating in a national conclave to celebrate nine years of the Modi government, Sitharaman said, compared to earlier governments when corruption was rampant, there is not even a whiff of corruption since 2014.

Beyond numbers, the minister said, "There is something that I have to tell you. Mindset has changed. Those governing have changed their mindset. People who voted for such a government see the change in mindset even among our friends and families."

Sun Pharma plans to acquire 100% stake in Israel's Taro in all-cash deal

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

INDIA'S largest pharmaceutical company Sun Pharma on Saturday proposed to fully acquire Israel-based Taro Pharmaceutical Industries through a reverse triangular merger.

The Mumbai-based drug major, which currently owns a 78.48% stake in Taro, will purchase the shares in the all-cash deal for $38 per ordinary share that will be paid in full at the completion of the proposed transaction.

"We believe that the proposed transaction provides a compelling liquidity opportunity for the company's shareholders and will benefit the company and all of its stakeholders," the company said in its filing to the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The proposed price reflects a premium of 31.2% over Taro's closing price on May 25, 2023, and a 41.5% premium over Taro's average closing price over the previous 60 days. Taro will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Sun Pharma and will no longer trade on the New York Stock Exchange.

According to the Israeli Companies Law, 1999 (ICL), the all-cash deal will be completed as a reverse triangular merger, in which Sun Pharma will be required to establish a wholly owned subsidiary or SPV that will engage into a merger agreement with Taro.

"We envisage the Proposed Transaction to be consummated in the form of a reverse triangular merger under the Israeli Companies Law, 1999 ("ICL") and practice," said the company.

"In this context, Purchaser shall form a wholly owned subsidiary (the SPV), which shall enter into a merger agreement with Taro, with the SPV merging with and into Taro and Taro surviving the merger transaction," it added.

Such transaction structure would benefit all stakeholders of Taro and may be performed in a swift and certain manner, said the company. The proposed acquisition does not include shares held by Sun Pharma and its affiliates.

The agreement must be fully complied with in order for it to become effective. Sun Pharma also needs approval from all relevant regulatory authorities, including Taro's shareholders, and, if necessary, other parties. The company has not specified any timeline for the completion of the proposed acquisition.

ONDC to generate jobs in logistics & supply chain

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

GOVERNMENT-BACKED platform Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC), which has been creating buzz in the e-commerce space, has the potential to generate a significant number of job opportunities across various sectors.

Recently, with an aim to capitalise on ONDC opportunities, last-mile logistics firm Shadowfax said it will be hiring 10,000 new riders and delivery partners. ONDC started its beta testing process in September last year with small retailers across 16 pincodes in Bengaluru. Now, the network has 36,000 sellers, 35 network participants and 8 categories including electronics, home & kitchen apart from food and beverage.

"ONDC seeks to empower small and local businesses by offering a level playing field and access to a larger customer base. This can stimulate grassroots entrepreneurship and job development, particularly in rural areas where the internet economy has the ability to transcend the urban-rural divide," said Aditya Narayan Mishra, MD and CEO of CIEL HR Services. He added that there is a huge opportunity for logistics companies as the platform has the potential to catalyse job possibilities across the Indian economy. The platform will boost small merchant digitisation and reduce the dominance of big players.

Kartik Narayan, CEO, TeamLease Services, said job demand is expected to rise in areas such as ecommerce platforms & marketplaces, logistics & supply chain management, IT & software development, data analytics and AI. "With the integration of ONDC, e-commerce platforms will require professionals skilled in managing digital commerce networks, catalog management, data analytics, logistics coordination, customer support and digital marketing. The increased digitalisation and connectivity facilitated by ONDC will lead to a surge in demand for professionals specialising in logistics and supply chain management. This includes roles such as warehouse managers, inventory coordinators, transportation coordinators, and last-mile delivery personnel," he explained.

HR experts said it is challenging to provide a precise number of job opportunities that ONDC could create. "In the next one to five years, it is anticipated that thousands of new jobs will be generated across the e-commerce, logistics, IT, and related sectors. The precise number will depend on various factors, including the pace of ONDC's implementation, market adoption, and the overall growth of the e-commerce industry in India," said Narayan.

Also, the development and maintenance of the ONDC infrastructure will require skilled IT professionals, software developers and data scientists.

Bank of Maharashtra tops PSU lenders chart in profit and loan growth in FY23

Bhubaneswar: State-owned Bank of Maharashtra (BoM) has emerged as the top performer among public sector lenders in terms of loan and deposit growth in percentage terms during 2022-23. Bank of Maharashtra also recorded highest growth in profitability with bottom-line growing almost 126% to ₹2,602 crore during the year. The Pune-headquartered lender also recorded highest growth in profitability with bottom-lines growing almost 126% to ₹2,602 crore during the year. However, all the 12 public sector banks together recorded 57% jump in net profit at ₹1,04,649 crore in FY23, according to published yearly numbers of public sector banks (PSBs).

Business & Beyond

GRSE records best ever financial performance for FY 22-23

Kolkata: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited (GRSE), one of the leading warship builders in the country has announced its financial results for the last quarter and full year ended March 31st, 2023. Company has achieved its best ever financial performance in FY 23. Total Income for the FY 23 stood at ₹2,763 crore against ₹1916 Crore in FY 22 with growth of 44% over FY 22. Revenue from Operation has increased to ₹2,561 Crore in FY 23 from Rs. 1,754 Crore in FY 22, registering a growth of 46 %. Profit After Tax (PAT) is ₹228 Crore in FY 23 as against ₹190 Crore in FY 22, registering a growth of20%.

Inauguration of community toilet & community center, Kultapada at Lapanga

As a responsible corporate, CSR Department of JSW BPSL has taken lots of community development initiatives not only in the plan peripheral areas but also in other parts of Sambalpur and Jharsuguda districts. CSR Department has constructed Community Toilet at Binova Nagar ofLapanga village which will reduce various kind of water and vector borne diseases caused due to open defecation.

Auro Impex and Chemicals ₹27.06 crore SME IPO listing ceremony

Auro Impex and Chemicals Limited Rs 27.06 Crore SME IPO Listing Ceremony conducted amidst lot of positivity being oversubscribed 67 (Sixty Seven) times. It was an eventful & exciting day for Kolkata's Business Ecosystem as city based Auro Impex and Chemicals Limited SME IPO got listed on 23rd May, 2023 at the NSE Emerge Platform in a prominent hospitality venue over the bell ringing ceremony that ushered the listing of the same in the presence of the Company Promoters, Management of Merchant Bankers to the issue Affinity Global Capital Market Private Limited (AGCMPL), Senior NSE officials & Prominent Personalities were present to witness the ceremony.

TNPL achieves highest ever turnover, EBITDA, PAT

The company reported its highest ever total revenue of ₹5225.41 crore for the year ended 31st March, 2023 as against ₹4069.04 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. Total revenue increased by 28% as against the corresponding period of the previous year. The company earned Profit before Interest, Depreciation and Tax (EBITDA) of ₹ 1,048.02 crore during the year ended 31st March, 2023 as against ₹ 407.12 crore during the corresponding period of the previous year. The EBITDA has increased by 157% as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. Profit after tax is ₹ 387.87 crore as against a profit after tax of ₹ 14.32 crore in the corresponding period of the previous year. Declares 50% dividend.

Verstappen on pole for Monaco GP

Max Verstappen claimed pole for the Monaco GP with Fernando Alonso keeping the Red Bull world champion company on the front row after qualifying on Saturday. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc will start Sunday's race on the second row alongside the Alpine of Esteban Ocon. The session was red-flagged when Sergio Perez smashed his Red Bull into a wall leaving last year's winner at the rear of the grid.

ICC Men's World Cup schedule to be announced in June

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

WITH four months to go for the 2023 ICC Men's ODI World Cup, the venues and the schedule for the tournament are set to be announced in a press conference during the World Test Championship final in London next month, BCCI secretary Jay Shah said after the Special General Meeting in Ahmedabad where the board met the affiliates on Friday evening.

The Working Group for the World Cup will feature the office bearers of the BCCI with the venues being split between them, with metro cities to be looked at for hosts for the tournament. "One or two members will be added, but mostly the office bearers will be looking after the venues. It will be 10-12 venues, so we will distribute all the venues among the office bearers," Shah told reporters.

Meanwhile, Grant Thornton company will be working with the BCCI in the upgradation process of the 15 venues that are earmarked to host the World Cup games, after which they are planning to expand on the same.

As for the future course of direction regarding the Asia Cup, the format and hosts for the tournament will be finalised after having a meeting with the concerned associations in the coming weeks. As for the home series against Afghanistan, Shah said that India will host them in one of the two windows, either in June or before the World Cup as the media rights for the India's home bilaterals and domestic games are yet to be finalised.

On the topic of physios, he said, "Our main concerns were the physios and the strength and conditioning. In all state associations, the S&C will he recruited by the NCA and they will be under the purview of Nitin Patel who is the Head Sports Science and Medicine at the NCA. The moment contract expires they will take a fresh recruit," Shah said.

The last time India A played was against New Zealand A at home earlier this year. On shadow A-tours, Shah said the BCCI are currently in conversation with the England and New Zealand cricket boards regarding the same.

The Prevention Of Sexual Harassment policy that was drafted in the SGM will be submitted before the AGM and approved with a new committee in place. The new window for the Women's Premier League will be discussed with the broadcasters and finalised with the board looking to host the next edition before March 2024.

Salient features of SGM

- ODI WC venues to be announced during WTC final
- Every state will have S&C coach through NCA
- Afghanistan tour of India in June or before WC
- Grant Thornton will work with BCCI to upgrade WC venues
- Asia Cup to be decided soon
- POSH policy drafted
- No final decision yet on women's coach and men's chief selector

After almost two months of scintillating action, Chennai and Gujarat, the two standout teams of this season's IPL, look to corner glory at Ahmedabad

THE FINAL CHAPTER: KINGS VS TITANS

GOMESH S @ Ahmedabad

NAVANEETH Krishnan is an assistant to a chartered accountant from Ooty, Nilgiris in Tamil Nadu. The farthest he has travelled in the Northern direction in his life until Friday was Bengaluru, which is around 270 kms from Nilgiris. For a family man, Navaneeth hasn't had the need to leave the state all through his adult life. Yet, here he was in front of the Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad on Saturday afternoon donning the Chennai Super Kings jersey for the 2023 IPL final.

He was holding a banner with MS Dhoni's picture. It read 'CSK might win or lose, I know it's just a cricket match. I am only here to feel the lion No. 7 roaring on the ground'. For him, the scorching sun didn't matter, nor did the fact that he had bunked his office for four days and had switched off the phone to avoid his boss' calls. "If you make a mistake at work, you'll probably get scolding, but that doesn't matter. It's okay to receive some if it is to watch MS Dhoni. I don't mind," laughs Navaneeth.

He is not alone. There is a fan who had travelled form Varanasi in the hopes of getting a ticket, another from Odisha, Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu, and so on. They all didn't have tickets when they left their respective cities. Some had managed to pay extra and get tickets in the black, some couldn't as they continued the search in desperation to see Dhoni play. On the eve of the summit clash between CSK and Gujarat Titans, one thing was clear — it's not going to be an all-blue crowd with 1 lakh people cheering for the home team. At the very least, expect a 50 per cent yellow in the stands.

On the field, it is going to be a contest between the most consistent franchise in the league — 10 finals in the 14 seasons they have played — and the franchise that wants to emulate what CSK has achieved. Both captain Hardik Pandya and coach Ashish Nehra have explicitly said several times that they want to create an environment like that of CSK in Gujarat Titans where the individuals who come in could feel at home and do their best.

And they have succeeded in doing so. Several players, including David Miller, Vijay Shankar, Wriddhiman Saha, Mohit Sharma have talked about it in detail on the kind of environment and role clarity they have which has helped them thrive under the Titans management. Then there are the stars themselves — Mohammed Shami, Rashid Khan, Noor Ahmed (who was scouted by Titans assistant coach Ashish Kapoor) and none other than Shubman Gill — who have shone the brightest. Gill has a realistic chance of breaking Virat Kohli's record 973-run season, Rashid (27 wickets), Shami (28) and Noor (14) have carried the team with the ball.

On the other hand, CSK is a team that has had no luck with injuries this year. Dhoni has been playing with bad knees, Deepak Chahar missed a few games, Ben Stokes, Susanna Magala, Mooen Ali (unwell), the list keeps going. In fact, at some level it became a blessing in disguise as they found a new death bowler in Matheesha Pathirana, who originally might not have found a place in the playing XI. Now, it is a set template for Dhoni. Use the rest of the bowlers according to the situation and bring in Pathirana after the 12th over to rattle the opponents. The 20-year-old slinger can clock 150 kpm and has a scathing yorker as well.

In the batting department, Ruturaj Gaikwad and Devon Conway have done the heavy lifting, complimented by Shivam Dube in middle-overs and Dhoni in the death. Is this an even match-up between Gujarat and Chennai, probably not. Purely on paper and skill sets, Titans have much more balanced squad that bats deep. But cricket isn't played on paper. And with someone like Dhoni on the field as captain, it's like a chess match. Every tactical move, every decision counts. Hardik knows it better than most, having watched Dhoni closely over the years.

Sunday evening is going to be a spectacle both on and off the field, but in the end only one will have the last laugh. Will it be the mentor Dhoni or the protege Hardik?

CAN GILL BREAK CSK JINX?

While Shubman Gill's peak is yet to come, this is by far the best version of him the world has seen. However, on Sunday, he will face a nemesis who have kept him quiet. In 12 innings against CSK, Gill averages just 27.36. Even in Qualifier 1, he could not make an impact. Will he finally be able to end the streak and dominate Chennai in the summit clash?

HARDIK VS DHONI

Hardik Pandya has not shied away from saying he is trying to replicate the success model of CSK aka MS Dhoni at the Titans. On the other end, almost 42, the Chennai skipper is on the field, calming down the young fast bowlers he has marshalled. Both have a lot in common as to where they started and how far they have come. In a way, it is a mentor vs Protege contest, where the head-to-head this year stands at 1-1. Who's going to have the final say on Sunday?

RASHID VS DUBE

Shivam Dube might have got out early in Qualifier 1 to Noor Ahmed, but he did what he was supposed to do. Go after the Titans spinners Rashid Khan and Noor. It's his role and something he has excelled at this season. How successful he is doing the same on Sunday could determine the fortunes of the team in yellow.

GAIKWAD ON A ROLL

After almost scoring a century the last time he played in this venue, Ruturaj Gaikwad was quietly contributing with cameos at the top. As the team entered the play-offs, the Maharastra batter was back at his best, scoring the big knocks like he used to. Will he be able to sustain the momentum and replicate what he did in the opening game of the season?

3/17 The last time Hardik played in an IPL final, he lead from front taking 3/17 against RR in the same ground

1 Ambati Rayudu has lost only once in an IPL final as a player (in 2010) and has won five of them

Chennai Super Kings vs Gujarat Titans, 7.30 PM, Ahmedabad / Live on Star Sports and Jio Cinema

EXPRESS READ

F2: Jehan clinches second place in Monaco

MONACO: India's Jehan Daruvala raced to his second Monaco podium in as many years after a hard-fought battle for the lead in the Formula 2 Championship's Sprint race on Saturday. Jehan, who races for Dutch team MP Motorsport, crossed the line behind Ayumu Iwasa in a safety car interrupted race. Jehan harried the Japanese racer for much of the 30-lap race only to be forced to back off in the closing stages.

Trap shooter Bhowneesh finishes fifth in WC

ALMATY: Paris Olympics quota winner Bhowneesh Mendiratta found the going tough in the trap finals, finishing fifth in the ISSF World Cup for Shotgun here on Saturday. The 23-year-old from Faridabad, who was in joint lead with four others after the first three rounds of qualification on Friday, came up with identical scores of 24 each in the remaining two rounds of qualification on Saturday.

LAST-GASP WIN

Bayern claim 11th straight league title

AFP @ Dortmund

BAYERN Munich have won their 11th straight Bundesliga title, a 90th minute goal from Jamal Musiala sealing a late 2-1 win at Cologne after Borussia Dortmund were held 2-2 at home to Mainz.

With Bayern needing a win to overtake Dortmund, the England-raised Germany forward hammered home with the clock winding down, ensuring the Bavarians keep their grip on the title for another season. Dortmund knew a win would guarantee a title, but were 2-0 down after just 25 minutes, with striker Sebastien Haller also having missed a penalty.

Dortmund scored two second half goals to draw the game but the point was not enough, Bayern winning the title on goal difference.

Heading into the final matchday, with Dortmund two clear atop the table, Bayern knew only a win would give them hope of a title, while hoping for a Dortmund collapse.

RUMBLING IN THE DIRT

As the top players battle it out for supremacy on the Parisian clay, a look at some of the usual suspects who may have a good Slam.

Carlos Alcaraz | No. 1
First Rd: Flavio Cobolli
He has had a stellar season on the dirt, picking up back-to back titles at Barcelona and Madrid. The Spaniard, heir apparent to Rafa Nadal, does have a tricky draw, especially in the second week when he could run into Stefanos Tsitsipas in the last eight before a meeting with Novak Djokovic in the last four.

Novak Djokovic | No. 3
First Rd: Aleksandar Kovacevic
You never discount the Serb but he's not had the greatest build-up. Tune up events have not been a friend. The last time he reached a final was the Australian Open so he's coming in with a bit of indifferent form. However, in the absence of Nadal, he remains the only man who has won four Majors or more in the draw.

Danil Medvedev | No. 2
First Rd: Thiago Wild
Leader for tour-level wins in 2023, Medvedev has seemingly found his mojo on the surface, winning the Rome Masters. But can he find the endurance to outlast opponents in a best-of-five situation? That's the question to ask if he's display some of the form he has shown on the surface coming into Paris.

Casper Ruud | 4
First Rd: Elias Ymer
Ruud will have pleasant memories of his time in Paris from 2022 when he reached the final before falling to Rafael Nadal. Despite an average start to the 2023 season, one cannot discount Ruud's chances, his legs are built for this surface. If the draw open up, the Norwegian could well be in the shake-up at the end.

Stefanos Tsitsipas | 5
First Rd: Jiri Vesely
Among a clutch of men's players who have failed to translate potential. Aesthetically pleasing, inconsistency has always been a concern in the Majors. That he has reached the second week only three times in the last seven Majors is indicative. But he has the game to put together something meaningful.

Iga Swiatek | 1
First Rd: Cristina Bisca
The outright favourite to add to her trophy cupboard. Swiatek's bakery has already made roaring business in the spring and expect her to keep adding to it in Paris. The one potential problem for her could be the hitting prowess of the World No. 2. And the last time the played, Sabalenka won 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

Aryna Sabalenka | 2
First Rd: Marta Kostyuk
If there's one word to describe Aryna Sabalenka, it's versatile. Having won Grand Slam titles both as a singles and a doubles player, she will be aiming to go the full distance, adding one more Grand Slam singles title to her kitty along with the 2023 Australian Open.

Caroline Garcia | 5
First Rd: Xiyu Wang
Garcia won the biggest title of her career in 2022 when she won the WTA Finals title by beating Aryna Sabalenka. Having won the French Open titles as a doubles player in 2016 and 2022, Garcia will look to translate that success into the singles circuit.

Elena Rybakina | 4
First Rd: Brenda Fruhvirtova
She rose to the spotlight in 2022 by winning the Wimbledon. However, one must remember that the French Open will be different. She showed first signs of her prowess on clay by winning the recently concluded Italian Open and this should boost her confidence.

Jessica Pegula | 3
First Rd: Danielle Collins
Another player who has had success in both the singles as well as the doubles. While her ranking is a reflection of the last 12 months, she's not had the greatest of successes on clay, losing twice in the opening round over the last three years.

Compiled by Siddanth Nair

SELECT MATCHES ON DAY 1 Live on Sony Sports | 2.30PM
MEN'S SINGLES: Tsitsipas vs Vesely, Djere vs Rublev, Goffin vs Hurkacz
WOMEN'S SINGLES: Kostyuk vs Sabalenka, Collins vs Pegula, Niemeier vs Kasatkina

Prannoy enters final, Sindhu loses

AGENCIES @ Kuala Lumpur

INDIAN shuttler HS Prannoy entered the men's singles final of the Malaysia Masters after his opponent Christian Adinata of Indonesia conceded the semifinal match following a nasty knee injury here.

World No 9 Prannoy was leading 19-17 when Adinata lost his footing while landing after a jump return and his left knee buckled, leaving the Indonesian shuttler grimacing in pain.

Adinata, 21, was quickly attended by Prannoy and the Indonesian coach before being eventually wheeled out of the court. Prannoy will now take on China's Weng Hong Yang, who beat Chinese Taipei's Lin Chun-Yi 21-13, 21-19 later, in the final.

Double Olympic medallist PV Sindhu, however, couldn't make it to the women's singles finals after suffering a 14-21, 17-21 loss to Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung. It was a second successive loss for Sindhu against the tricky World No 9 Indonesian.

It was a one-way traffic for Prannoy, who was off to a flying start, leading 11-1 in a jiffy. However after the break, it was Adinata who accumulated points in buckets, taking seven of the next nine points.

A jump cross-court smash helped Prannoy find his confidence back but unforced errors and Adinata also playing some smart shots saw the Indonesian making it 10-14. Adinata was quick in his returns and played a few cross-court winners and a body smash. An on-the-line return on the backline saw him make it 14-15 before he drew parity at 16-16 when Prannoy went wide again.

HOCKEY

India lose match & top spot to Great Britain

ENS @ Chennai

GREAT Britain leapfrogged India to the top of the Pro League leaderboard after the former's 4-2 win over the latter on Saturday. The visitors, fresh off a close 1-2 defeat to Belgium 24 hours earlier, stuck to the new manager's plan of building up play from the back and maintaining defensive structure over directness but lost out in the big moments to suffer a 4-2 loss.

India had restored parity at 1-1 and had keeper PR Sreejesh to thanks as he saved a stroke but the hosts were able to tighten their grip on the game as they scored two quick-fire goals at the beginning of the third quarter. Harmanpreet Singh's men halved that deficit but with India coming out to attack in the fourth quarter, Great Britain put the game to bed with minutes remaining on the clock.

While this has been a less than ideal start to the Craig Fulton era, the Pro League is largely a place to experiment with, even against high calibre opposition. One silver lining when compared to Friday's defeat is the way they maintained their structure. Captain Harmanpreet maintained that in his post-match thoughts. "We played better than yesterday, we had better control in our structure," he said. "I think there is room for us to improve in our defence. They scored two goals from the baseline, that is something we must watch out for and get better at defending."

This is India's 2nd loss in as many days

India's Pro League European tour continues with two matches against Belgium and Great Britain next weekend.

Women beat Australia A

Adelaide: The Indian women's hockey team put up a spirited showing in the fifth and final game of its tour Down Under, registering a 2-1 win over Australia A. Navneet Kaur (10th minute) and Deep Grace Ekka (25th) scored the goals for India. Abigail Wilson (22th) scored the lone goal for wAustralia A.

Travellers arriving in UK faced hourslong delays Saturday after a technical problem shut electronic border gates at airports across the country, forcing everyone to have their passports checked manually

The US government can keep using chemical retardant dropped from aircraft to fight wildfires, despite finding that the practice pollutes streams in western states in violation of federal law, a judge ruled Friday

EXFILE • AUCTION

Always wanted a lighthouse? US is giving some away, selling others at auction

Ten lighthouses that for generations have stood like sentinels along America's shorelines protecting mariners from peril and guiding them to safety are being given away at no cost or sold at auction by the federal government

PRESERVING PROPERTIES

The aim of the programme run by the General Services Administration is to preserve the properties, most of which are more than a century old

FASCINATED BY TALL BEACONS

Yet the public remains fascinated by the beacons, which are popular tourist attractions and the subject of countless photographers and artists

Little Mark Island and Monument stands between Broad Sound and Casco Bay, May 11, 2023, off the coast off Harpswell, Maine.

END OF AN ERA

The development of modern technology, including GPS, means lighthouses are no longer essential for navigation, said John Kelly of the GSA's office of real property disposition

And while the Coast Guard often maintains aids to navigation at or near lighthouses, the structures themselves are often no longer mission critical

> *They were really the instruments to provide safe passage into some of these perilous harbors which afforded communities great opportunities for commerce, and they're often located in prominent locations that offer breathtaking views.* – John Kelly

TRANSFERRING OWNERSHIP

The GSA has been transferring ownership of lighthouses since Congress passed the National Historic Lighthouse Preservation Act in 2000

About 150 lighthouses have been transferred, 80 or so given away and another 70 auctioned, raising more than

$10 million

IT'S A STEAL

This year, six lighthouses are being offered at no cost to federal, state or local government agencies, nonprofits, educational organisations or other entities that are willing to maintain and preserve them and make them publicly available for educational, recreational or cultural purposes

FOUR LIGHTHOUSES

The four lighthouses being sold at auction include Cleveland Harbor West Pierhead Light, a 15.5-metre steel tower dating to 1911 that is only accessible by boat but has spectacular views of the city skyline

The others are Penfield Reef Lighthouse in Fairfield, Connecticut; Stratford Shoal Light in the middle of Long Island Sound between New York and Connecticut; and Keweenaw Waterway Lower Entrance Light in Chassell, Michigan

JAPAN REVEALS DETAILS OF MOON LANDER CRASH

The spacecraft was originally supposed to land on a flat plain. But the target was changed to a crater before launch

SPACE

CAPE CANAVERAL: A private Japanese moon lander went into free-fall while trying to land on the lunar surface last month, company officials said on Friday, blaming a software issue and a last-minute switch in the touchdown location.

The spacecraft belonging to the company ispace was originally supposed to land in a flat plain. But the target was changed to a crater before December's launch. The crater's steep sides apparently confused the onboard software, and the 2-metre spacecraft went into a free-fall from less than 5 kilometres up, slamming into the lunar surface.

The estimated speed at impact was more than 100 metres per second, said the company's chief technology officer, Ryo Ujiie. NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter photographed the crash site the next day as it flew overhead, revealing a field of debris as well as lunar soil hurled aside by the impact.

Engineers work on the flight model of the HAKUTO-R Mission 1 Lunar Lander | AP

Computer simulations done in advance of the landing attempt did not incorporate the terrain of the new landing site, Ujiie said. CEO and founder Takeshi Hakamada said the company is still on track to attempt another moon landing in 2024, and that all the lessons learned will be incorporated into the next try.

A third landing attempt is planned for 2025. If successful, ispace would have been the first private company to land a spacecraft on the moon. Only three governments have achieved that: Russia, the United States and China.

Named Hakuto, Japanese for white rabbit, the spacecraft and its experiments were insured. The United Arab Emirates had a mini lunar rover on board that was lost in the crash.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Diwali a federal holiday in US?

LEGISLATION

A prominent American lawmaker has introduced a bill in the US Congress to declare Diwali, the festival of lights, a federal holiday, a move welcomed by different communities from across the country. The Diwali Day Act, if passed by Congress and signed into law by President Joe Biden would make the festival of lights the 12th federally recognised holiday in US. "Diwali is one of the most important days of the year for billions of people across the globe, and for countless families and communities in Queens, New York, and the United States," Congresswoman Grace Meng said.

United Kingdom to hire Indian teachers

EDUCATION

LONDON: India is among the source countries for qualified mathematics and science teachers being lured with 'international relocation payments' of GBP 10,000 as part of an overseas drive to fill classroom vacancies in England, according to a UK media report on Saturday.

Hundreds of maths, science and language teachers will be brought to the UK from countries such as India and Nigeria this year, with plans to expand recruitment schemes to other countries and subjects, *The Times* said.

> **...we launched a 1-year trial offering no more than 400 of best teachers from around the world the opportunity to teach...**
>
> Department for Education

The International Relocation Payments (IRP), being run as a pilot in the 2023 to 2024 academic year, is applicable to overseas teachers with a job offer in the UK and covers their cost of visas, immigration health surcharge and other relocation expenses.

UK officials reportedly expect between 300 and 400 teachers to get the IRPs in the coming academic year and if it proves a success in attracting overseas staff, the scheme could be extended to other subjects.

In an effort to boost the number of teachers, the government has begun an overseas recruitment initiative under which teachers of maths, science and language-teaching qualifications from India, Ghana, Singapore, Jamaica, Nigeria, South Africa and Zimbabwe are being recognised, the report said.

Eligible teachers must have a degree, recognised teacher-training qualifications, and at least a year's experience and they need to speak English to the undergraduate level.

Such professionals are eligible for visas to work in Britain if they have a job offer and earn a minimum salary that depends on their role, usually around GBP 27,000 per annum.

Paul Whiteman, general secretary of the UK's National Association of Head Teachers, told *The Times* that overseas recruitment 'is, at best, a temporary solution'.

JANGAMAKOTE BRANCH
High School Road, Jangamakote, Siddalaghatta Taluk, Karnataka-562144.
Central Bank of India

POSSESSION NOTICE under (Rule 8 (1))] for immovable property

Whereas, the Authorised officer of the **Central Bank of India, Jangamkote Branch** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, and in exercise ofpowers conferred under Section I3 (2) and 13 (12) read with the Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice daled **22.07.2022** calling upon the borrower **Mrs. Rehnuma** W/o. Late Peer Pasha and **Late Peer Pasha** (Legal Heirs), and **Guarantor Mr. Shabbir Ahamed** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 9,74,611** (Rupees Nine Lakhs Seventy Four Thousand Six hundred Eleven rupees onty) (which represents the principal plus interest due as on the 22.07.2022), plus interest and other charges from 22.07.2022 to till date within 60 days from the date olreceipt ofthe said notice.

The Borrower having failed to pay the entire dues of the bank, notice is hereby given to the borrower, the Guarantor and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conlerred on him,/her under section 13 (4) of the said act, read with Rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule 2002 on this **23rd day of May 2023.**

The borrower and the Guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to charge of **Central Bank of India,** for the amount of **Rs 7,52,611** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Fifty Two Thousand Six hundred Eleven rupees only) and interest thereon w.e,f 22.07.2022 plus other charges. (Amount deposited after issuing Demand notice U/Section I3(2) has been given effect .

The borrowers attention is invited to provisions of sub section (8) of Section 13 of the SARIAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY :
(Detailed description of the secured asset/ mortgaged propery)
All that piece and parcel of House property at site bearing Municipal assessment No. 913/4, measuring an extent of East to West 9.144 meters and North to South 12.192 meters situated at Jangamkote Village, Jangamkote Gram Panchayath, Jangamkote Hobli, Taluk-Siddlaghatta, District-Chikballapura. Bounded by : **North :** Road, **East :** House of Shabeer, **South :** Grave yard, **West :** Property of Imthiyaz.

Date : 23.05.2023 **Sd/-Authorised Officer**
Place : Jangamkote **Central Bank of India**

CITY UNION BANK LIMITED
Credit Recovery and Management Department
Administrative Office : No. 24-B, Gandhi Nagar, Kumbakonam - 612 001. **E-Mail id:** crmd@cityunionbank.in, **Phone:** 0435-2432322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746

RE-TENDER-CUM-AUCTION SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT 2002

The following property/ies mortgaged to **City Union Bank Limited** will be sold in Re-Tender-cum-Public Auction by the Authorised Officer of the Bank, under Rule 8 (6) & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, under the SARFAESI Act, 2002, for recovery of a sum of **Rs.2,57,17,629/- (Rupees Two Crore Fifty Seven Lakh Seventeen Thousand Six Hundred and Twenty Nine only)** as on **13-02-2023** together with further interest to be charged from **14-02-2023** onwards and other expenses, any other dues to the Bank by the Borrowers / Guarantors **No.1) M/s. Kerrat Handlooms Plot No.16/17/18, 2nd Floor, Jalaram Compound, Surat, Gujarat - 394210. No.2) Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya, Apartment No.304, Ahuja Palace, Richmond Road, North Bangalore, Karnataka - 560025. Also at: Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya, Flat No.304, B- Wing, Ahuja Palace, No.96, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025. No.3 Mr. Shantilal Ramvilas Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Ramvilas Panchariya, Flat No.1101, Tower - P/2, Capital Green, Vesu, Surat, Gujarat - 395007.**

Immovable Properties Mortgaged to our Bank
Schedule - A: (Property Owned by Mr. Kushal Shantilal Panchariya, S/o. Mr. Shantilal Panchariya)

Item No.1:- All that piece and parcel of Immovable Property now known as and bearing Corporation No.96, situated at Richmond Road (Between Richmond Circle to Shoolay Circle), in Corporation Division No.61, Bangalore Totally admeasuring 23,388 Sq.ft., (2,173.60 Sq.mr.,) and Bounded on:- East - Proper Nos.91, 92, 93, 94 & 95, Richmond Road and a passage of the said premises measuring on that side 181 feet 10 inches, West - Property of Ali Raza Trust measuring on the side 125 feet, North - Baldwin Girl High School measuring on that side 147 feet and 6 inches, South - Private Property measuring on that side 125 feet 6 inches.

Item No.2:- 1470 / 45000 the undivided share, right title and interest in the immovable property now know as and bearing Corporation No.96, Richmond Road Banglaore, more fully mentioned and described in the Item No.1 above. The site Area of the Item No.2 Property works out to 904.336 Sq.ft., (84.046 Sq.mtr.,).

Item No.3:- Apartment No.304, on Third Floor having a Super Built-up Area of 1,740 Sq.feet with R.C.C. Roofing and Marble Flooring along with Two Open Car Parking Space in Multistoried building known as AHUJA PALACE at No.96, Richmond Road, Bangalore - 560025, PID No. 76-19-96/25.

Reserve Price : Rs.2,15,00,000/-
(Rupees Two Crore Fifteen Lakh only)

RE-AUCTION DETAILS

Date of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale	Venue
15-06-2023	City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038. Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No.9341003179.

Terms and Conditions of Re-Tender-cum-Auction Sale :

(1) The intending bidders should be present in person for the auction and participate personally and give a declaration in writing to the effect that he/she is bidding for himself / herself. **(2)** The intending bidders may obtain the Tender Forms from **The Manager, City Union Bank Limited, Bengaluru-Indira Nagar Branch, 194, Ground Floor, 7th Cross, I Stage, Indira Nagar, Bengaluru, Bengaluru Urban - 560038. (3)** The intending bidders should submit their bids only in the Tender Form prescribed in sealed envelopes addressed to **The Authorised Officer, City Union Bank Ltd.,** together with a Pay Order / Demand Draft for an EMD of **10%** of the Reserve Price, drawn in favour of **"City Union Bank Ltd.", on or before 12.00 Noon** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. **(4)** For inspection of the property and other particulars, the intending purchaser may contact : **Telephone No.080-25205030, Cell No.9341003179. (5)** The property/ies are sold on "As-is-where-is", "As-is-what-is" and "whatever-there is" basis. **(6)** The sealed tenders will be opened in the presence of the intending bidders at **01.00 p.m.** on the date of Tender-cum-Auction Sale hereby notified. Though in general the sale will be by way of closed tenders, the Authorised Officer may, at his sole discretion, conduct an Open Auction among the interested bidders who desire to quote a bid higher than the one received in the closed tender process, and in such an event, the sale shall be conferred on the person making highest bid. The sale, however, is subject to confirmation of City Union Bank Limited. **(7)** The successful bidder shall have to pay **25% (inclusive of EMD paid)** of the sale amount **immediately** on completion of sale and the balance amount of **75%** within **15 days** from the date of confirmation of sale, failing which the initial deposit of **25%** shall be forfeited. **(8)** The Sale Certificate will be issued by the Authorised Officer in favour of the successful purchaser only after receipt of the entire sale consideration within the time limit stipulated herein. **(9)** The successful purchaser shall bear the charges/fees payable for conveyance, such as stamp duty, registration fee etc., as applicable under law. **(10)** The successful bidder should pay the statutory dues (lawful house tax, electricity charges and other dues), TDS, GST if any, due to Government, Government Undertaking and local bodies. **(11)** The Authorised Officer shall have all the powers to accept or reject the bids or postpone or cancel the sale without assigning any reason whatsoever.

Place : Kumbakonam, Date : 26-05-2023 **Authorised Officer**

Regd. Office: 149, T.S.R. (Big) Street, Kumbakonam, Thanjavur District, Tamil Nadu - 612 001, **CIN -** L65110TN1904PLC001287, **Telephone No.**0435-2402322, **Fax:** 0435-2431746, **Website:** www.cityunionbank.com

STATE BANK OF INDIA
STRESSED ASSET RECOVERY BRANCH
Building No. 11/90, III Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, J C Road, Bengaluru-560 002.
PH: 080-2594-3678/3663
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POSSESSION NOTICE (FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY) [RULE 8(1)]

Whereas, the under signed being the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru, under the Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (54 of 2002) ("Act")and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 ("Rules"), issued a Demand Notice dated **30.12.2022** calling upon the **borrower :** Sri Mukesh Bachan Prasad, S/o Sri Bachan Prasad S Vishwakarma, K-2001, 20th floor, Tower 'K', Samridhi Grand Avenue, Greater Noida, Tech Zone–4, Bishrak, Goutam Budnagar, UP-201306, **Also AT:** Sri Mukesh Bachan Prasad, S/o Sri Bachan Prasad S Vishwakarma, No. 253, Indianagar Block-2, Municipal Prathamik Shalechya Front, KKG Marg East, Juhu Tara Road (E), Santacruz West, Mumbai – 400049, **Also AT:** Sri Mukesh Bachan Prasad, S/o Sri Bachan Prasad S Vishwakarma, Emp. No. BRIC1055, Brick Red Systems Pvt Ltd, F 472-473, Sector 6 13, Noida, UP – 201301, **Also AT:** Sri Mukesh Bachan Prasad, S/o Sri Bachan Prasad S Vishwakarma, Villa No. 19, 'Suchiraa Villas', BBMP Ward No.12, Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bengaluru-560099 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 2,00,11,304-00** (Rupees Two crore eleven thousand three hundred four only) as on 29.12.2022 and interest from 30.12.2022 with future interest and other charges and costs & expenses thereon within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers/guarantors having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/ guarantor/ mortgagor and public in general, that the under signed has taken possession of the properties described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him /her under Section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this **23rd day of May of the year 2023.**

The borrowers/guarantors/mortgagors in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of State Bank of India, for an amount of **Rs. 2,06,74,080-00** (Rupees Two crore six lakh seventy four thousand and eighty only) as on 06.05.2023 with interest from 07.05.2023 and future interest, other charges and costs & expenses thereon till the date of realization of dues.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

Schedule 'A' Property

All that part and parcel of Residentially converted land bearing Sy. No. 57 measuring 1 Acre 26 Guntas, situated at Shettyhalli Village, Yeshwantpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru. **Bound:** On the East by Remaining part in Sy. No. 57, On the West by Remaining part in Sy. No. 57 belongs to Sri D M Muniyappa, On the North by Rain Water Drain, On the South by Private Property.

Schedule 'B' Property

All that part and parcel of the immovable property being a Villa bearing No. 19, totally measuring 1305 Sq feet of Plot Area, comprising of Ground, First and Second floor having a built Up Area of 2527 Sq feet, together with a Car parking space in the ground floor, situated in the Residential integrated layout known as 'SUCHIRAA VILLAS', constructed on the property bearing No.11, Sy. No. 57, Shettyhalli Village. BBMP Ward No. 12, Dasarahalli BBMP, Bengaluru (Schedule'A' property) with proportionate 2012 Sq feet of undivided share in the land comprised in the Schedule 'A' property together with proportionate share in all the common Road, Areas and entitled to all the common facilities and benefits. **Bound:** On the East by Villa No. 09 & 10, On the West by Common Road, On the North by Villa No. 08 & 07, On the South by Villa No. 18.

Place : BENGALURU **Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER**
Date : 23.05.2023 **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

Can Fin Homes Ltd
(Sponsor: CANARA BANK)
HOME LOANS @ 8.50%*
Kanakapura Road Branch

Can Fin Homes Ltd
No. 58, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, Manjunathnagara, Raghuvanahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bangalore- 560 062
Phone : 080-29751565/7625079172
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CIN: L85110KA1987PLC008699

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 (SARFAESI Act) read with Rule 3(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules)

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of Can Fin Homes Ltd., under SARFAESI Act and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3, issued Demand Notice under Section 13(2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrowers / guarantors listed hereunder (hereinafter referred to as the "said Borrowers"), to repay the amounts mentioned in the Notice, within 60 days from the date of receipt of Notice, as per details given below.

The said Notices have been returned undelivered by the postal authorities / have not been duly acknowledged by the borrowers. Hence the Company by way of abundant caution is effecting this publication of the demand notice (as per the provisions of Rule 3 (1)). The undersigned has, therefore, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known addresses of the said Borrowers, as per the said Act.

As security for due repayment of the loan, the following assets have been mortgaged to the Company by the respective parties as detailed below.

Sl. No.	Name of Borrowers/ Co- Borrowers with address	Amount claimed as per Demand Notice *	Description of the Secured Asset	Date of NPA
1	**1.Borrower :Sri Magesh R,** # No 29,2nd Main, Behind BMTC Garage, Devika Garden, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560040. **2. Co-Borrower : Smt R Padma,** # No 29, 2nd Main, Behind BMTC Garage, Devika Garden, Vijayanagara, Bangalore-560040.	**Rs. 5,58,394/- as on 01.05.2023**	Property Bearing Site No 31, formed in Sy No 14/2, measuring 1 Acre(out of 1 Acre and 20 Guntas), Duly Converted for Residential purpose vide its Order Dated 20-12-2008,bearing No ALN(ST)SR/1/2007-08, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, situated at Chunchanakuppe Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-562130. Measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 20 feet totally measuring 600 sq feet. Area Bounded By:- East By : Site No 30, West By : Road, North By : Site No 32, South by :Private Property.	01.05.2023
2	**1. Borrower : Sri Suresh C M.,** # No 266, Ullalu Main Road, Bilikallu, Byadarahalli, Bangalore-560091. **2.Co-Borrower: Smt Rekha,** # No 266, Ullalu Main Road, Bilikallu, Byadarahalli, Bangalore-560091.	**Rs.4,05,064/- as on 01.05.2023**	Property bearing Site No 123,formed in converted Old Sy No 7, New Sy No 7/1, Extent 9 Acres 24 Guntas and land bearing Converted Old Sy No7, New Sy No 7/1, Extent of 5 Acres Totally 14 Acres 24 Guntas Residential Converted Land "Layout Known as Center City "Situated at Varthur Village, Tavarekere Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore-562130. Measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 30 feet Totally Measuring 1200 Sq Feet. Area Bounded By:- East By : Site No 96, West By : Road,North By : Site No 124, South By : Site No 122,	01.05.2023

**Payable with further interest at contractual rates as agreed from the date mentioned above till date of payment.*

You are hereby called upon to pay the above said amount with contracted rate of interest thereon within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which the undersigned will be constrained to Initiate action under SARFAESI Act to enforce the aforesaidsecurity. Further, the attention of borrowers / guarantors is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to them to redeem the secured assets.

Sd/-
Date : 27.05.2023 **Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Can Fin Homes Limited**